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NEW RED THREAT TO NANKING
Govt Evacuates Key City
In North Kiangsu Area
PENGPU VICTORY CLAIMS

Nanking, December 4.
The main elements of the Communist forces under General Chen Yi were today moving East from Pengpu into North Kiangsu, according to unofficial but reliable sources. This movement suggests the beginning of a new threat to the Nanking and Shanghai region with the Communist approach to the Yangtse somewhere between the two cities.
Already, Government forces have evacuated the important North Kiangsu city of Hweiyang, East of Lake Hungtze, and are concentrating along the North bank of the Yangtse.

Trains, Roads
Checked By
Military

Nanking, December 4.
All communication facilities out of Nanking were today placed under military control to check confusion and disorder in the scramble to evacuate the Communist-threatened capital on the part of the general public and Government servants and their dependents.
General Tang En-po, Garrison Commander of the Nanking-Shanghai area, announced that the emergency step was taken on instructions from President Chiang Kai-shek.
General Tang, who was summoned to the capital yesterday by the President from his headquarters in Chungchow to take personal control of maintenance of public order in the capital, ordered the city gates closed for 24 hours beginning last midnight to halt the outgoing stream of evacuees and luggage to clear up congestion in the railway station outside the city.
The scramble to flee the Nationalist capital gathered momentum since Monday, throwing the railway station and river wharves into a mass of disorder with people literally fighting their way onto ships and trains and seeking windows and railings.
Seven-Point Decree
General Tang, a few hours following his arrival here, promulgated a seven-point decree for restoration of order. He designated each of the three stations outside Nanking for evacuation of specific categories of evacuees—one for military supplies, one for dependents and one for the general public—and posted extra guards at the stations with strict orders not to permit anyone without a ticket to enter the platforms.
The Garrison Commander also issued a strongly worded statement criticising the panicky conditions and the flight of Government officials.
Control Yuan yesterday also urged the Government to order all officials to remain at their posts.
Legislators were said to be the worst offenders in desertion of duty. It was estimated that more than four-fifths of them have left Nanking.—United Press.

Observers believed that this withdrawal was probably wise as the Communists are entering familiar ground in the Hweiyang area, whose swampy terrain would give them a definite operational advantage.

It was in this region that the Communist new fourth army was based during the Sino-Japanese war.
A strong stand by government forces is expected along the Yangtse bank, where they would receive both naval and air support.
Official sources today continued to claim successes in the Pengpu region but none appear to be of great significance. The Communist remnants in the area between the Kuo and Fei rivers were reported to be retreating in the direction of Tsaoiatzi, a railway town south of Kucheng.
The same reports claimed that Government troops, moving Northward from Pengpu after overcoming the resistance of five Communist armies, had reached the outskirts of Kucheng. Only a small force of Communists was said to be remaining in the Kucheng area.

Air Force Active

The Air Force was reported to be continuing to bomb the Kuo and Fei river areas and inflict heavy casualties, although air activity out of Nanking appears to have been somewhat reduced in the past few days.
The latest official reports made no reference to the activities of the Communist general, Liu Po-sheng, whose forces have concentrated in the Pengpu area. Several of his armies have been attempting to contain Nationalist General Huang Wei's army group in the area South West of Suzhou.
How Liu's other forces are employed is not clear, but informed sources suggest that they may already be engaged in a Southward movement. West of the Pengpu region to reach the Yangtse above Nanking.
It is significant that the Executive Yuan today ordered martial

Cautious Claims

Cautious claims of an ultimate Government victory were made. The Central New Agency said that no Communists are now within 14 miles from Pengpu.
The same agency said the running of passenger and freight trains between Pengpu and Pukow opposite Nanking will resume in the next few days, with the completion of repairs to the damage done by Communist bands in the vicinity of Chashan and Changpang, only 40 miles North East of Nanking.

At least some of the Nationalist forces in the Hsuehchow region are feared by well-informed, but unofficial sources, to have defected, or been overcome, by the Communists.
No official comment is immediately available on these reports, which, however, are significant following the Government's admission last night that radio contact with Hsuehchow was lost.
The Nationalists in the Hsuehchow area last week consisted of the Second, Thirteenth and Sixteenth Army Groups under General Chiu Ching-chuan, Li Mi and Sun Yuan-liang, totalling about 200,000 men.
They were then making steady progress Southward against the Communists, in order to bring their weight into the battle in the Pengpu region. These troops were excellently equipped, with American-made arms and transport.
Meanwhile, reinforcements, in a sudden attack, saved Kaifu from possible Red capture. General Fu Tso-yi's official spokesman said today in Peking.—Reuter.

Top Secret Documents
Stolen From State Dept

Washington, December 4.
Sensational disclosures of the theft of top secret documents from the State Department were made today.
The Congress UN-American Activities Committee revealed that microfilms of the documents were found in a hollow pumpkin on a Maryland farm.
The find, it said, offers conclusive evidence that information on national security was fed out of the State Department before the war.
The microfilms were obtained from Whittaker Chambers, self-described former Communist who is a senior editor of "Time" magazine.
The copied documents were given to Chambers by an unidentified member of the Communist underground.
The microfilms are copies of documents of tremendous importance, removed from the State Department and turned over to Chambers for transmission to Russian Red agents.
The Committee said the documents revealed such a vast network of Communist espionage within the State Department that they far exceeded anything yet brought before the Committee.
Most of the documents were marked "strictly confidential". One consisted of a diagram and instructions for the use of a military technical instrument.
Another involved a message to the Secretary of State from William Bullitt, then Ambassador to France. The message related details of a conversation with a high Chinese official previously stationed in Moscow, and concerning the prospects of Russia entering the war with Japan.
Yet another document was marked "handed to the German Ambassador by Mr. Welles" and was dated July 4, 1937. Mr. Welles was then Under-Secretary of State.—Associated Press and United Press.

Casualties From
The Hsuehchow Front



These wounded Nationalist soldiers were flown from Hsuehchow to Nanking recently in a China National Aviation Corporation plane for further treatment. They were given first aid treatment on the battlefield, about 30 miles to the East of Hsuehchow. Most of them are veterans of Burma campaign.—AP Photo.

Explosion
Blasts Ship
At Shanghai

Shanghai, December 4.
The month-old exodus from Shanghai is feared to have run into its first major disaster last night with the sinking of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's Ningpo-bound steamer Kiangpa outside Woosung—mouth of the Shanghai harbour—with a tightly packed passenger load, estimated at around 4,000.
Late this evening a high company official told Reuter that he was not yet in a position to confirm the unofficial estimates that between 400 and 700 people had lost their lives but promised a statement on Monday, after the receipt of the captain's report.
He said that rescue vessels had been landing survivors at various points along the 10-mile stretch of the Whangpoo river bank between Woosung and central Shanghai and it would take some time to gather them together.
The mishap is believed to be the worst in recent China coast shipping history and occurred last night at 8 o'clock (local time) after a mysterious explosion, the cause of which has thus far not been determined.

Overloaded
Although the 2,000 ton vessel, which regularly plies between Shanghai and Ningpo, was listed to carry 2,200 passengers, it was estimated that as a result of the heavy exodus from Shanghai, it carried many more than the official register figure.
A large number is known to have been on board without tickets. Others rushed the vessel when it was loading passengers. It was estimated that nearly 4,000 were on board when the ship sailed.
China Merchant officials admitted that there was an explosion at the stern which immediately crippled the engines and threw the ship into darkness.
The radio room was disabled and the first distress signal was not sent until 45 minutes later by a passing steamer, the Hwa-tao. At that time the ship was already sinking.
Survivors reported that the ship was crowded to the limit with passengers. Many of them had only a few minutes to get ready for the trip. It was feared that many passengers were killed in the first few minutes, following the explosion—some by the blast itself, others—stunned—while sleeping on decks and still others in jumping into the chilly churning waters.
Late today, several rescue ships were said to be still standing by the wreck.—Reuter.

Exercises Against
"Rebels" To Be
Held Tomorrow

A large-scale exercise, embracing the whole of Hong Kong, to combat a "revolt" in the Colony will be carried out during this week by the Navy, Army, Air Force and Police.
A state of emergency will be declared tomorrow morning when Service personnel will be confined to barracks.
Senior officers living ashore and outside barracks will be recalled to ships and army establishments.
All the civil defence establishments and the three Services will be placed on a war footing, equipped fully to deal with uprisings in the Colony. All leave will be cancelled.
Service units, representing subversive elements, will carry out attacks on Government buildings, wireless stations, electric plants and attempt to gain control of public utilities, police stations and other key centres.
The first exercise will take place on the island and will be completed in two days.
All police stations and Navy and Army establishments will be on the alert. Police riot squads will be mobilised and ordered to stand by for emergency assignments.
Off The Streets
Service patrols will be sent out first to see that all Servicemen are off the streets. Any Servicemen found outside barracks without authority will be arrested.
The exercise on the island will be followed by a similar one on the Mainland after which a combined police-military operation against bandits will be carried out in the New Territories.
The defenders will deal with "subversive elements" infiltrating into British territory and territorial waters. "Bandit" hideouts will be attacked and demolished. There will also be mock battles between the defenders and "bandit" forces.
In the New Territories exercise, supplies will be landed by ship and parachuted from the air to support and feed land units besieged by "bandits".
The purpose of the coming week-long exercises is to co-ordinate civil defence measures with the plans of the Services in dealing with any internal unrest that may occur in future, and to learn the best possible way of aiding the civil authorities in such events.
It was officially stated yesterday that unusual movements of police and military units will take place during the week. Everything will be done to avoid inconveniencing the general public during the mock battles.

Soviet Union's Strategy
At ECAFE Meeting

Sydney, December 4.
The Soviet Union today supported a Netherlands proposal that the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East set up an agriculture committee.
K. V. Novikov, the Soviet representative on the Commission working out plans for the rehabilitation of Asia and the Far East, surprised the other delegates to the regional conference by his emphatic declaration on agriculture. On Thursday he had complained that industrial development was insufficient, and was only about equal to that for fertiliser.
The Philippines delegate, Manuel Gallego, warned the United Nations Commission against the dangers of mechanisation of agriculture in closely populated Asiatic areas. He said it might lead to serious labour trouble. There was also danger that mechanisation of rice growing might lead to over-production as it had in the sugar and coffee industries, Gallego said.
Frank W. Bulcock of Australia told the session a committee of experts had made meagre and pathetic allocations of farm equipment to the area.
Education in the use of farm tools as well as the equipment it

Chinese Chamber
To Continue Fight
Against Ordinance

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce has decided to continue its fight against the Debtor and Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance of 1948.
With the lifting of the Moratorium during the week, Chinese merchants are now obliged to honour debts—paid in Japanese military yen during the war—amounting to between HK\$70,000,000 and HK\$100,000,000, due to local banks.
Since the publishing of the draft bill in March this year, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce has strongly opposed it.

It contended that the Chinese merchants were forced to pay their debts during the war, therefore, they should not be called upon to make double repayments. The debts were paid in Japanese military yen during the war.
The Chamber has organised a special committee to discuss methods of continuing the fight against the Ordinance.

Rejection Of
Good Offices
By Russia

Paris, December 4.
Russia today rejected all suggestions for a good offices commission to mediate the Berlin dispute.
The rejection was broadcast by Moscow Radio and monitored in London in the form of a long despatch by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.
In addition to rejection of any idea of a good offices commission, the new Soviet statement also reacted coolly to the "neutral" commission of currency experts set up by Dr. Juan Bramuglia just before his term as President of the Security Council expired.
Referring to the six-nation technical committee which has already started study of the Berlin currency situation, Russia, through the Tass despatch, said: "This question is the concern of representatives of those countries. It should also be noted that the proposal for creation of a good offices commission could hardly lead to any progress."
Referring indirectly to the latest statement by the United States, Britain and France that any study of the Berlin currency situation must take into account the political events in Berlin during recent weeks, the Tass despatch, which said it expressed the Soviet side of the dispute, said:
"As far as other proposals on the Berlin question, as transmitted by Dr. Bramuglia in the past few days concerned the Soviet side's attitude to these proposals, they confirm the attitude taken by the Soviet Union in the Security Council as expressed by Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky when the Berlin question was discussed."—United Press.

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The Weather
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Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh E. winds. Cloudy.
Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum 77.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum 66.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine 11.
Rainfall 0.3 mm.—0.01 in. Total since Jan. 1—247.5 mm.—9.74 in. as against an average of 211.6 mm.—8.33 in.
Readings at 10 a.m. on 10.12.48
Bar. at sea level 1023.1, 1019.7 m.b.
Equal 30.19, 30.11 inches.
Rel. Humidity 85 85 deg. F.
Dew Point 68.0 68.0 deg. F.
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Wind Force 20 16 knots.
Time 11.
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Low 28.0 28.0
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Large Divan Raided At Taikoktsui

An opium divan, occupying the whole of a large unnumbered hut at Taikoktsui and equipped with 10 beds, 20 opium lamps, and eight opium pipes, was raided by Sub-Inspector Groves on Friday night.

The keeper, Tam Sun, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$1,000 (or another three months) when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to the charges of keeping the divan and possession of 18 pots of prepared opium.

Six of the 30 smokers arrested were fined \$30 each, and the remainder \$35 each. The \$14.50 found in the till was confiscated to the Poor Box.

In a raid at 385 Reclamation Street, ground floor, on Friday night, Sub-Inspector Groves arrested Man Yau just outside the house, and in possession of 18 pots of prepared opium and three pipes.

Charged before Mr. Latimer, Man was fined \$200 or four weeks' hard labour. He had a previous conviction for keeping an opium divan on August 7 last year.

A raid by Sub-Inspector MacDonald at an unnumbered hut at Wuhu Street, Hui Nam, on Friday night resulted in the arrest of Cheng Kui and three opium smokers, and the seizure of two pipes, three lamps and six pots of opium.

Cheng was sentenced to two months' hard labour and a fine of \$400 (or another two months) by Mr. Latimer for keeping an opium divan. His customers were fined \$35 each.

Described by Inspector J. Orem as "obviously a professional opium divan keeper," Li Kam-tai was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Latimer for possession of two mace of prepared opium at 17 Halphong Road, second floor. He had four previous convictions.

Japanese Sailors Leave

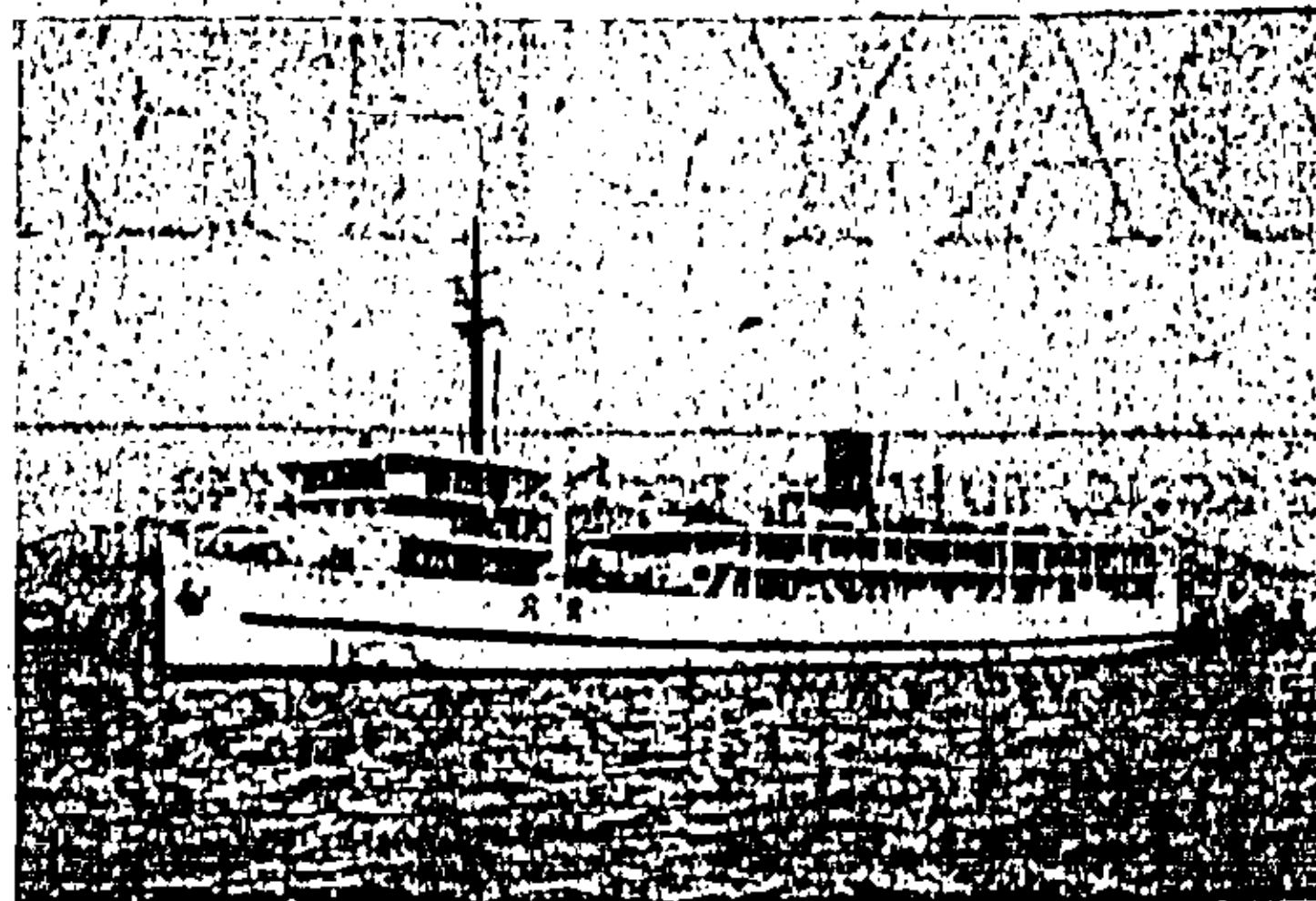
After two weeks of "confinement" in the harbour, 18 Japanese sailors, including 18 officers, left Hong Kong yesterday for Kobe in the ss. Wo Sang.

The Japanese brought the British steamer Empire Even-ode, then known as the Tallyho, here on behalf of the Ministry of Transport, recently.

When the new M.O.T. personnel, headed by Mr. M. J. Case, took over the vessel, the Japanese were billeted aboard the ss. Hai Tan, which is undergoing general repairs near Kowloon Docks. The Wo Sang will call at Keelung and Shanghai before visiting Kobe, where she will disembark her passengers.

The Japanese officers are travelling second class, and the remainder are accommodated as deck passengers.

Macao-Bound



The ss. Wusueh left yesterday on her 80th regular return voyage to Macao carrying a full load of week-end visitors to the Portuguese Colony. She is the only vessel on the Hong Kong-Macao run to provide first-class passengers hotel accommodation during the overnight stop at Macao.

ss. Wusueh Hotel Service Popular On HK-Macao Run

The "hotel service"—only one of its kind on the several river steamers plying between Hong Kong and Macao—provided by the ss. Wusueh during her overnight stops at the Portuguese Colony, has become so popular that Macao residents are demanding a similar service at the Hong Kong terminal.

The China Navigation Steam Ship Company, the agents of which are Butterfield and Swire, instituted the service on the Wusueh four months ago mainly for the convenience of week-end visitors to the Portuguese Colony.

The overnight hotel service on board the vessel at Macao has since become one of the main features of the Wusueh's regular return trips to Macao.

No extra fees are charged for this service, which includes room service and hot and cold water at any time. Meals at moderate prices are served at any time of the day. Drinks are also available.

Passengers entitled to these amenities are free to leave and return to the ship at all hours during their stay at the Portuguese Colony. The politeness and efficiency of the cabin boys and stewards are of a very high standard. They speak English and several different Chinese dialects.

The week-end return trips by the Wusueh have been conveniently arranged. The vessel leaves Hong Kong at 2.30 p.m. on Saturdays and returns the following evening, leaving Macao at 1.45 p.m. The trip to Macao takes about three and a half hours with the vessel passing close to Cheung Chau Island, one of Hong Kong's former popular summer resorts, and past several other islands on the way.

Interest To Sportsmen

A trip to Macao this time of the year is of particular interest to sportsmen. There is good shooting in the Portuguese Colony. Snipe, partridge and quail are plentiful and the duck season is about to open. But the field and Swire are able to arrange for shooting permits and guides on application by passengers.

The Wusueh was withdrawn from the Hong Kong-Macao run in July and placed on the Hong Kong-Macao route. It has 18 two-berth first-class cabins with additional accommodation for 62 unberthed first-class passengers. The cabins open out on deck along which are many deck chairs for use of the passengers.

There is also accommodation for second-class travellers in six two-berth cabins and six four-berth cabins in addition to space for 44 unberthed second-class passengers. The Wusueh has also accommodation for 333 steerage passengers. She has a cargo capacity of 2,000 tons.

The Wusueh was built in 1931 at Taikoo Docks for the China Navigation Steam Ship Company's Shanghai-Hankow run on the Yangtze River. In 1940 the vessel returned to Hong Kong and left later for Singapore where she was taken over by the British Government and converted into a hospital ship. The huge red cross painted on the vessel prevented her from being bombed by the Japanese during the attack on Singapore.

Escaped To India

Carrying wounded and sick, the Wusueh escaped to India on the fall of Singapore. There she was again used as a hospital ship in the India-Burma war theatre. Of shallow draught, the Wusueh was assigned to the Arakan Front and plied along the rivers where ships of a deeper draught could not operate.

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Forgery Case To Be Heard On Dec. 16

Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday fixed the afternoon of December 16 for hearing of four charges of possession of, and uttering, forged sweepstake tickets brought against Chau Ming, 34-year-old employee of the Wai Kong Torch Bulb Factory.

When Chau, who had been held without bail since his arrest on October 7, was brought before the court, Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans applied for a further week's remand.

Mr. Latimer: Aren't you going to get anywhere with this case? I am getting about tired of it. There is this man appearing before me week after week since October 9, and now it's getting on to December 9.

SI Evans: It's Inspector Mat-chee's case, Sir. I have been asked to apply for a week's remand.

The court formally remanded accused for a week, and fixed hearing for the afternoon of December 16.

Chau is being charged with possession of a quantity of forged cash sweep tickets at 3 Yim Po Fong Street, second floor, on September 23, uttering six books of forged tickets at Chatham Road on the following day, possession of three forged tickets numbered 825890, 825896 and 825897 at 8 Lo Lung Hang Street ground floor, on October 6, and uttering them on the same date.

Customs Ship Leaving For Amoy

The Chinese Customs lightship, Fuhshin, is leaving Hong Kong waters today for Amoy on routine operation.

Formerly the boom defence ship Calspaw, USN, the vessel arrived here from Amoy recently with stores.

The Fuhshin serves the widespread posts of the Chinese Maritime Customs, stretching from Amoy to the Colony and surrounding waters.

She has three European officers, including the master, Mr. M. H. Wallace, and 53 Chinese, including six officers.

The Fuhshin visited Hong Kong six months ago, during which trip she encountered heavy seas. "We had a tough time at that time," an officer said. "The Fuhshin is a small craft and she was riding the waves dangerously."

The Chinese crew are mostly Northerners.

Colony Supplying Carp Fry To Malaya

Hong Kong has been supplying Malaya with millions of Chinese carp fry by air, it was officially learned yesterday.

Every flying boat from the Colony takes at least 10,000 carp fry to the Straits Settlements to stock Malaya's fresh water fish farms.

The fry are carried in four-gallon kerosene tins with an average of 500 fry in each tin. The space above the water in the tin is filled with oxygen.

More than 90 per cent of the small fry arrived at their destination strong and lively, it was officially stated. The journey by air takes only seven hours.

Previously, fry arrived at Singapore after a five-day sea voyage in wooden tanks. Losses in transit were then considerably heavy.

Malaya at present leads the world in this experiment in getting carp fry by air. It was stated that experts are possibilities of supplying other parts of the world with carp. It is cheapest to fly the fry, which are sold to specialist fry raisers who rear them on coarse flour and fry plants grown specially for the purpose. When they reach a length of three to five inches, which they do in a few weeks, they are sold to the fish farmers who raise them to a size suitable for marketing.

Source Of Protein

The mature carp are a valuable source of protein to the working people of Malaya. The Malayan fisheries department expect the fish farming industry—carried out in fresh water ponds in the interior of the country—to reach soon a yearly production level of from 5,000 to 7,000 pounds an acre of pond.

Malaya's fish farming programme aims at giving the population a fish supply more plentiful than most people in the Far East, or anywhere in the tropics enjoy.

The price of the carp fry has been greatly reduced by the use of this "quick" and comparatively inexpensive supply from Hong Kong by air. Fry can now be sold at a price within the means of peasant fish farmers.

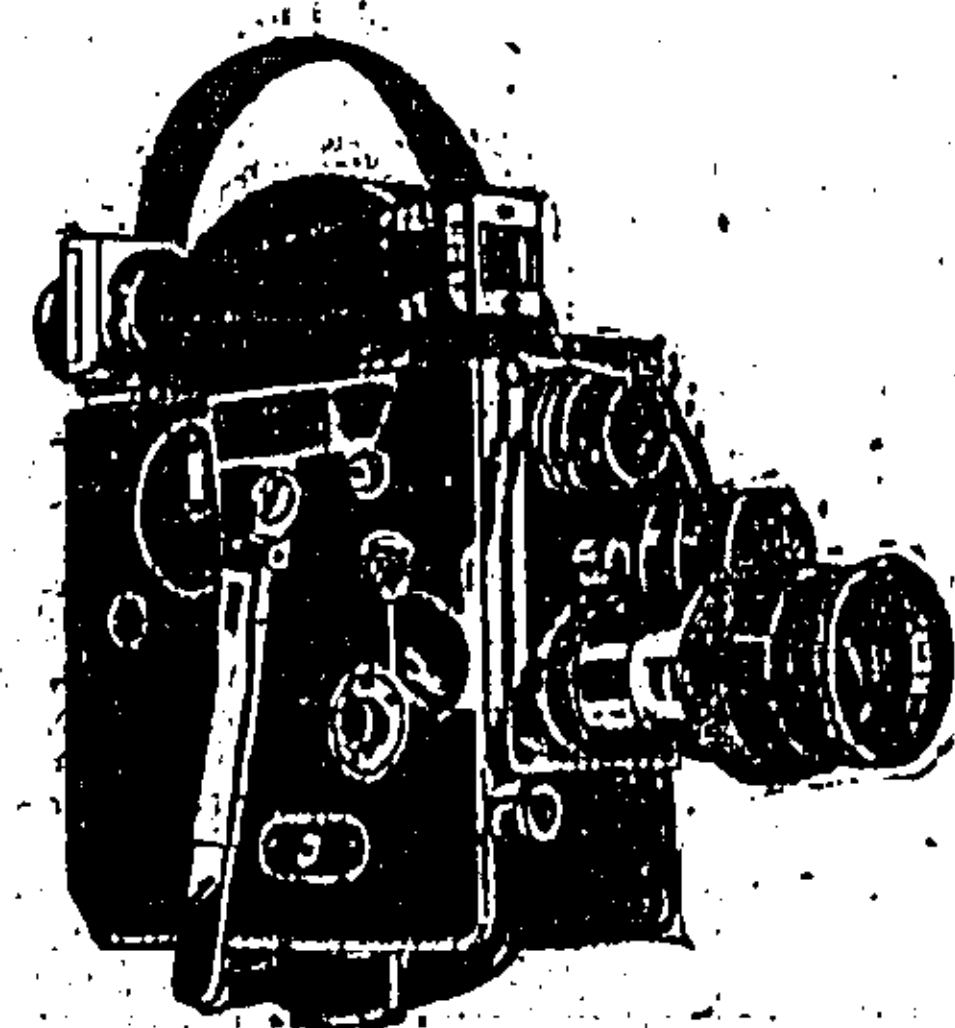
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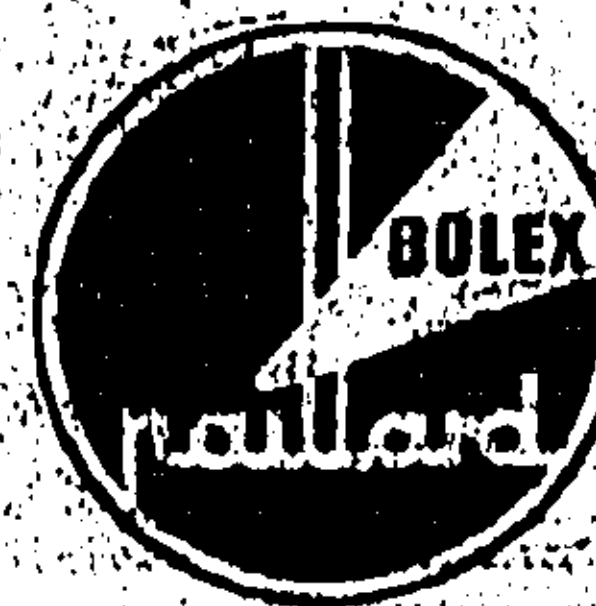
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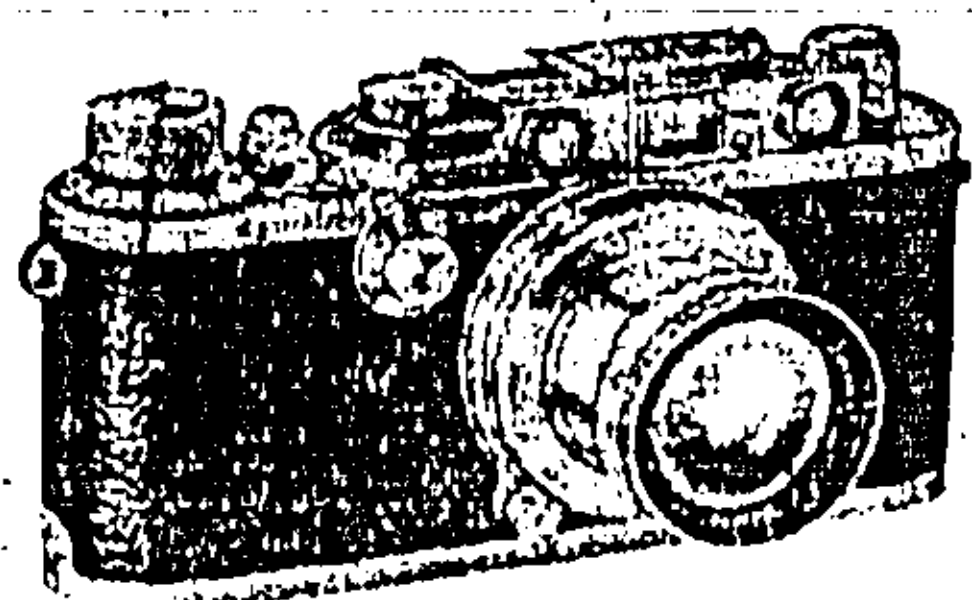
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pate in a whole day's man-
oeuvre at Shatin.The brigades will assemble at
the Shamshuipo Ferry Wharf at
8.30 a.m. and march to Shatin
with full kit, where they will
engage in drills, first aid demon-
strations and competitions.For this year's manoeuvre, two
outstanding prizes have been
donated by prominent patrons of
the Corps—the Andrew Tsang
Shield and the Chun Yiu-tung
Banner. The winning division
will keep the Shield for a year,
while the Banner is permanent.Among those expected to attend
the parade are Mr. A. el Arcall,
Commissioner of the St. John's
Ambulance Brigade, Mr. A. el
Tsang and Mr. Chun Yiu-tung.The Commissioner will present
the prizes at the end of the day.
Mr. Tsang is host to the 30
officers and 30 nurses at lunch.
Mr. Chun is providing lunch for
the other ranks.The Long-chiu, Corps
Superintendent, will be in com-
mand of the Corps.

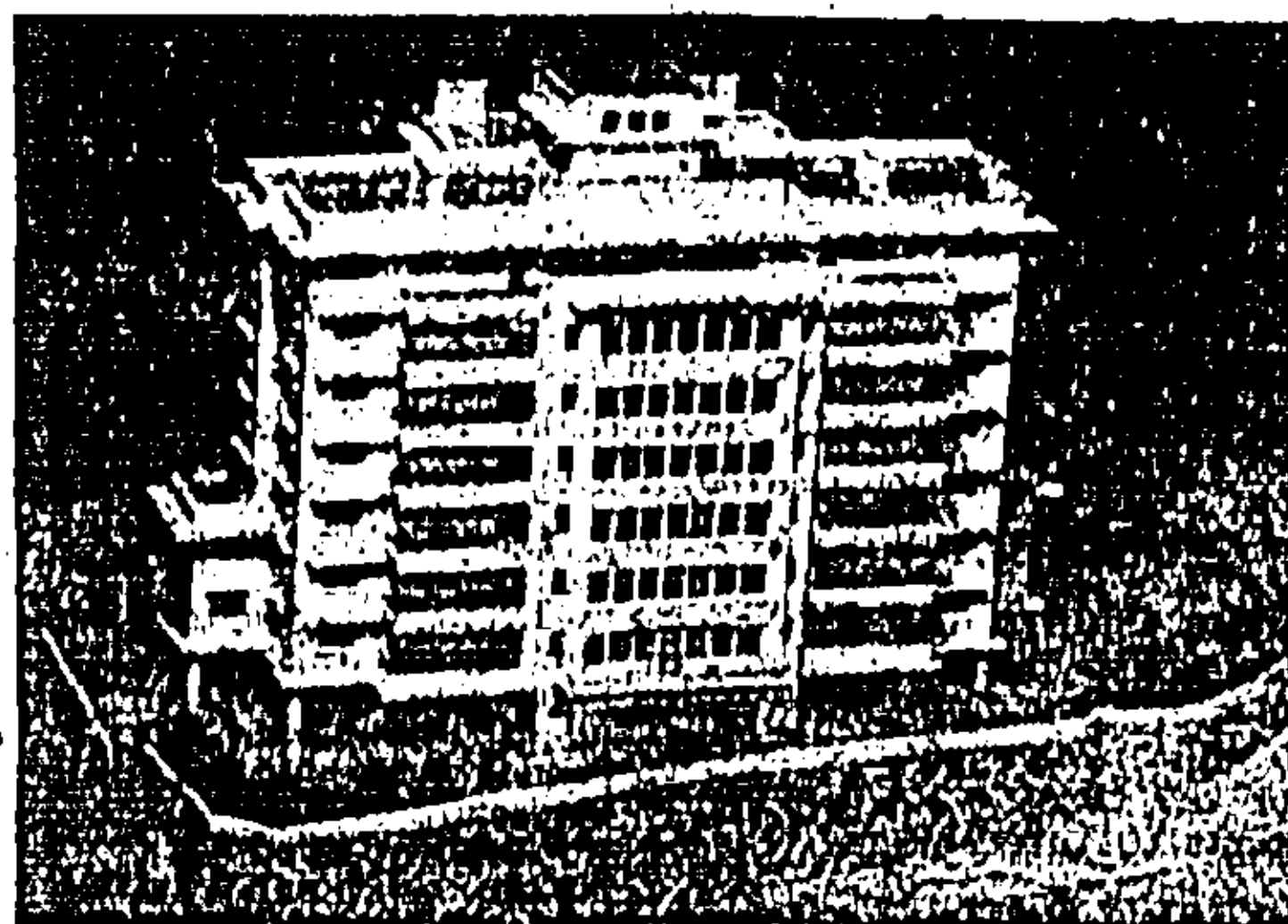
Personalia

The forthcoming marriage of
Miss Jane Young of 712/98 Chun
Ning Road, Shanghai, to Mr.
Leslie Ernest Abbot, Aircraft
Engineer, Foreign YMCA, Shang-
hai, has been announced.Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. H.
M. O'Donnell, C.R.E. Headquar-
ters, Land Forces, Hong Kong,
arrived from England on Friday
by the ss. Calcutta.Mr. G. Hamill, of Moller
Limited, arrived in the Colony on
Friday from Liverpool by the ss.
Calcutta.Mrs. J. M. A. Young and her
11-month-old son were among
the passengers who arrived here
from the United Kingdom on
Friday.Departures from the Peninsula
Hotel on Friday included Mrs. J.
Street, Mrs. I. Smith, Messrs. E.
L. Souder, S. C. V. Sayer, C. H.
Ellis, P. F. Dills, J. C. Hurden,
J. A. Massie, T. T. Chen, A. L.
Minter, P. M. Tyan, L. Murphy,
C. R. Leitz, H. Popper, W.
Drake, N. Ozman, and A. W. T.
Smith.Among the new arrivals at the
Peninsula Hotel on Friday were
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Wu, Mr.
and Mrs. G. A. Dearing, Mrs. D.
G. Old, Messrs. Tang Ker, N. R.
Ramsey, and R. V. Taylor.

Money Market

Gold passed another steady day
yesterday and closed at HK\$298.75
a tael after opening at \$297.25.
Highest and lowest rates of the
day were \$298 and \$296.The market during the week
was steady, with fluctuations
ranging within only a few points
either way.U.S. dollars continued quiet at
HK\$5.12. There had been little
change during the week. Trade
demands were set off by Chinese
New Year remittances which
came in at this time of the year.
Gold Yuan dropped to 13 cent
yesterday, ending a week of con-
tinuous down trend. Canton re-
mittances were down to 10 cents.
Shanghai remittances were better
at 11½ cents.Pintres were weak throughout
the week and yesterday dropped
to HK\$9.32½ a 100.Ticals were weaker at HK\$26.50
a 100.NEI Guilders on the other hand
were stronger at HK\$33.90 a 100.Sterling was unchanged from
the previous day at HK\$14.05.Australian pounds too were un-
changed at HK\$12.54.

Residential Block

Work has begun on building one of Hong Kong's
most up-to-date residential blocks of two to five-room flats
in the mid-level district of The Peak. The illustration
shows what the building will look like when completed.Construction On
Modern Building
To Start ShortlyConstruction on one of the most modern residential
buildings in the Colony will shortly begin on
Peak Road. The site, the highest yet de-
veloped in the select Mid-Level district, is now
being formed.To be called the Douglas Apartments, the building
has been designed for Humphries, Estates by
Mr. Alfred V. Alvares of Credit Foncier
d'Extreme Orient.The site was chosen for its
unique position, delightful out-
look and accessibility to the
city, at a level which will en-
sure extra coolness in the sum-
mer months and escape from
the fog belt which frequently
covers the Peak.The seven-storey building will
include 20 flats, varying from
two-room apartments to five-
room family flats. It will have
two penthouses. In the basement
will be 20 garages, a large furni-
ture store for the convenience of
residents and an incinerator, con-
nected by chute with each apart-
ment.The two-room apartments in
the centre unit of the building
will consist of a spacious living
room with a dining alcove, a
large bedroom with dressing
lucet, bathroom and bathroom.
Long windows, reaching from
ceiling height to within 18 inches
of the floor, fill the front wall
across the width of both rooms,
giving the effect of an enclosed
verandah.

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Four and five-room flats, spe-
cially designed to allow the maxi-
mum circulation of air and the
most advantageous use of space
by dispensing with unnecessary
doors, feature the modern idea of
the combined living-dining room.
The illusion of two rooms is
maintained by a lowered ceiling
in the part intended for the din-
ing room. A spacious, tiled
verandah measuring nine feet by
13 feet opens from the living
room. Light, airy bedrooms vary
from 14 feet by 17 feet to 15½
feet by 17 feet.Servants' quarters, at the rear
of the block consist of from one
to three rooms and have separate
kitchens, toilets, coal closets and
just chutes. A special feature is
the wide, working verandah at-
tached to each set of quarters.All windows will be fitted with
heavy-section metal frames.
Wide eaves, projecting four feet
over each side of the building,
will protect the outer walls and
windows during bad weather.Among other features of in-
terest are the tiled bathrooms,with built-in baths and the latest
American fittings; the indirect
lighting effects; the installation of
hot-and-cold plumbing in all
bathrooms, kitchens and pantries;
and the two high-speed lifts, one
for passengers and one for ser-
vice.The architect estimates that
the complete cost of the building,
including architect's fees and us-
ing the best materials obtainable,
will average less than \$3 a cubic
foot.November
Weather FineExcept for a few short
periods of cloudy weather,
with occasional light rain or
drizzle, fair or fine conditions
prevailed throughout Novem-
ber.The rainfall was below
average, being only 0.15
inches as compared with the
normal amount of 1.59 inches.Temperatures were gen-
erally two or three degrees
below normal, the maximum
temperature recorded being
80.3 deg. F on November 5
and the minimum 52.5 deg. F
on November 30.November's figures were:
Rainfall, 0.15 inches (1.44
inches below average).
Sunshine, 21½ hours (24.5
hours above average).
Temperature, 66.7 deg. F
(2.2 deg. F below average).
Dew Point, 57 deg. F (2
deg. F below average).
Humidity, 71% (2% below
average).
Cloud, 51% (2% below
average).

TOC H CONCERT

A concert of music by Tschal-
kowsky will be presented at
Talbot House (To H), 50, Mac-
donnell Road, at 8.45 p.m. today.
The programme will include
Capriccio Italian, Concerto in D
Major for violin and orchestra,
Symphony in E Minor, No. 5.Mechanic
Dismissed
For MishapHolding that defendant had
been sufficiently punished by
the shock he had when he
realized that he had killed a
man and that he was facing a
criminal charge, Mr. W. H.
Latimer discharged Lau Wing-
keung with a caution at Kow-
loon yesterday.Sub-inspector Richard Brown,
the prosecuting officer, said that
defendant was a mechanic em-
ployed in a garage. At 7.40 p.m.
on December 2, he was testing
private car No. 278 before re-
pairs when, passing through Un
Chau Street, he hit a pedestrian
and killed him.The road was wide enough and
had a good surface. But it was
raining heavily at the time and
the lights on the street were very
poor, so that visibility was lim-
ited. It was the opinion of the
police that defendant did not see
the pedestrian at all.The brakes of the car were
tested and found to be efficient.
The Court considered that de-
fendant was in no way to blame
for the fatal accident and as he
was a mechanic, it was his duty
to test the car.Chau Cheung, the owner of the
car, was charged with permitting
his car to be driven without
efficient brakes.

He was also dismissed.

ANOTHER BODY
EXTRICATEDThe body of the sixth man
lured by the landslide at the
Hong Kong Telephone Company's
building site at Leighton Hill on
Friday night, was dug out yester-
day morning.The landslide, which occurred
about 7 p.m., buried six coolies
working on the site, five of whom
were extricated by the Fire
Brigade. One was dead and the
other four injured.WAR MEMORIAL
FUNDPublic subscriptions to the Hong Kong
War Memorial Fund received between
November 27 and December 3 follow:

"Centine" Monthly Contribution	25.00
Received to November 26, 1948	5,767,864.36
Total	HK\$5,792,889.36

Reminders

Today

H.K. Art Club Sketching Party,
in New Territories, assemble
at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30
a.m.

Exhibition of paintings by Mr.
M. G. Wong, Hotel Cecil,
Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Classical Concert, To H Club,
Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell
Road, 8.45 p.m.

Musical Recital by Jamson Huang
and C. K. Wong, St. John's
Cathedral Hall, 9 p.m.

St. John Ambulance Parade, Field
Dry Manoeuvres, at Shatin,
12 noon.

Talk on "Is Religion Dope?" by
Mr. C. A. S. Russ, European
YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Sino-British Dramatic Club,
general meeting, at PRO
Lecture Room, 6.30 p.m.

TUESDAY
H.K. Rotary Club, talk on "The
Lost Ten Tribes of Israel,"
Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel,
12.30 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, GPO
Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

No other

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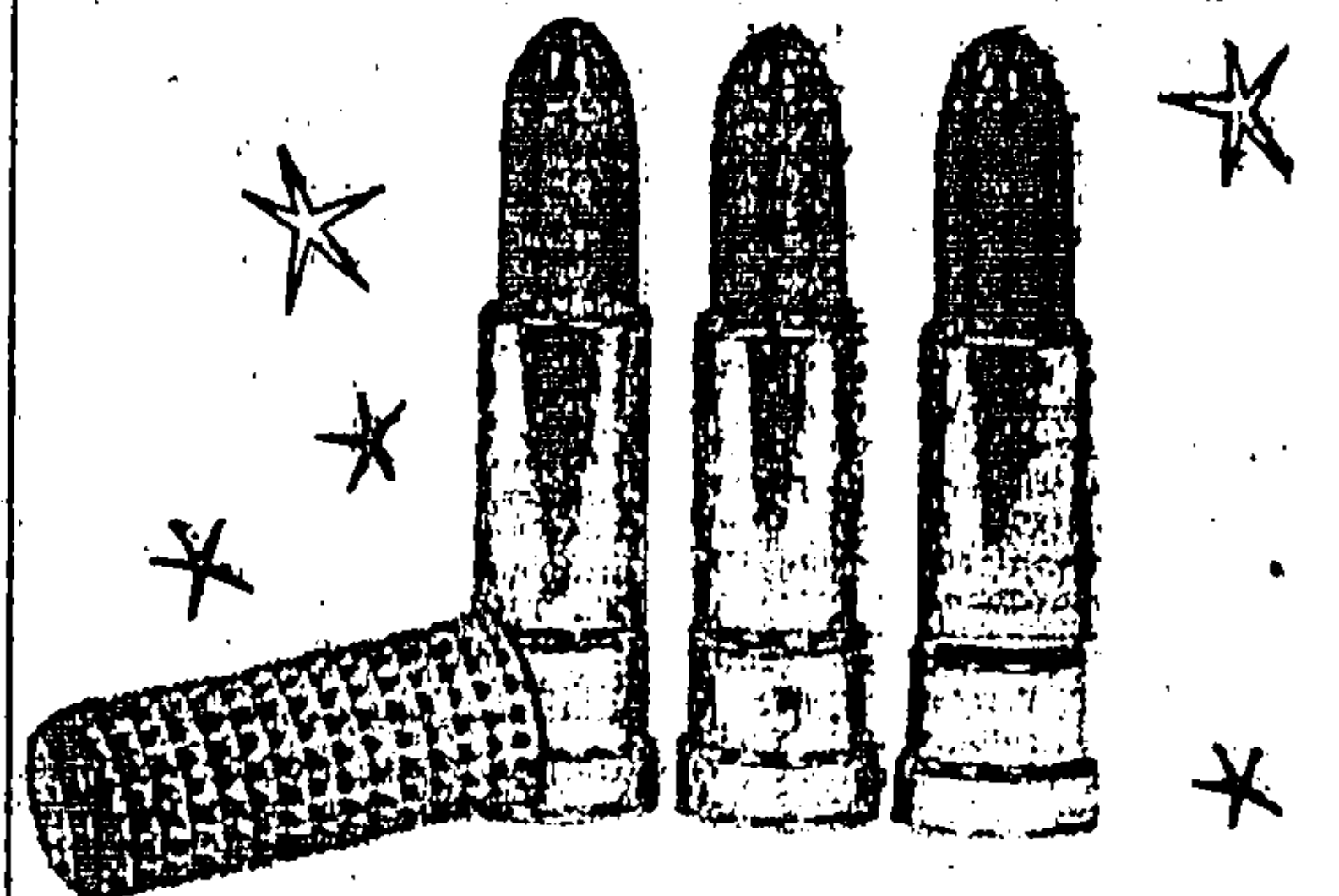
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1 "	Finsbury London Dry Gin	
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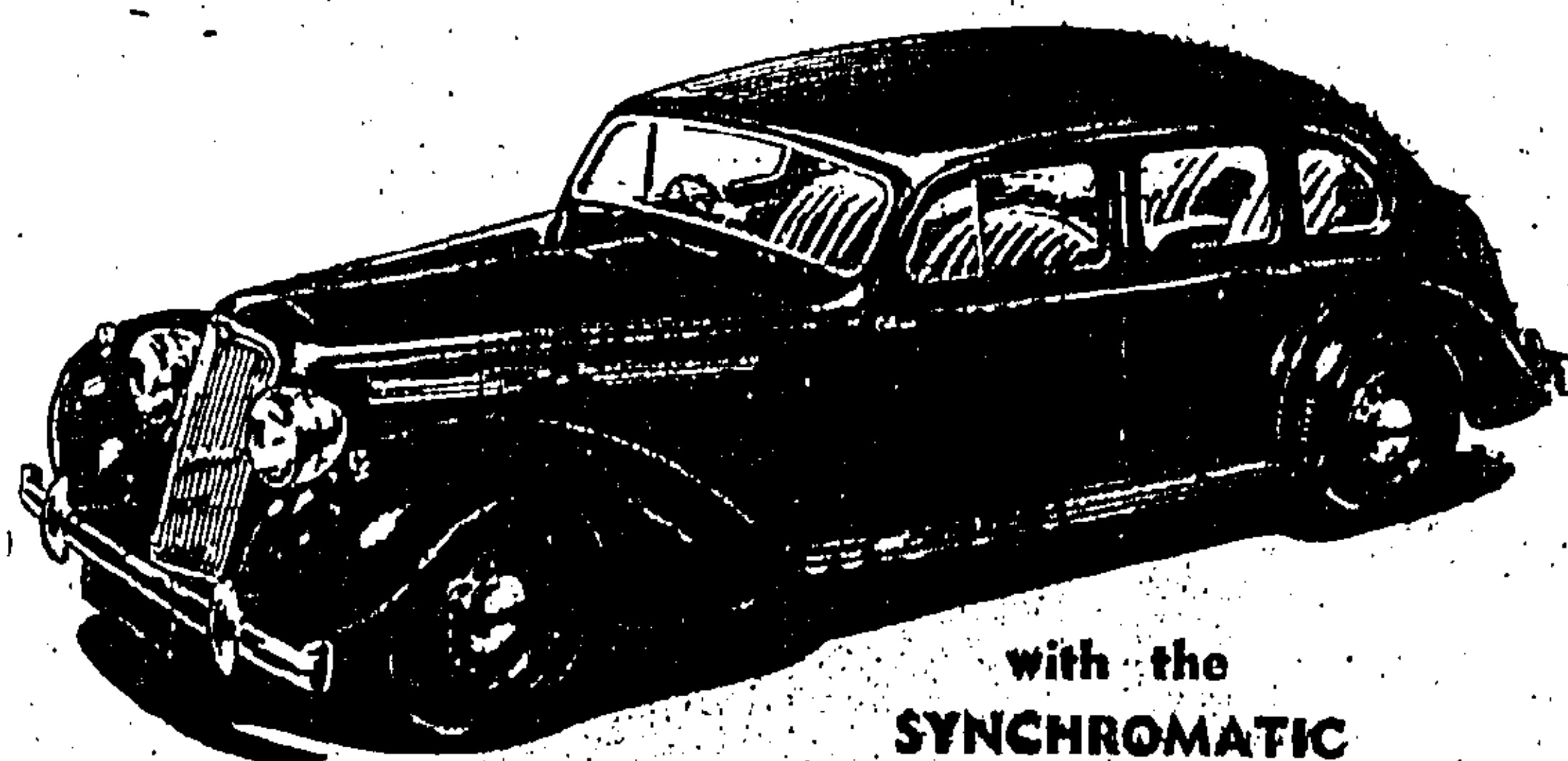
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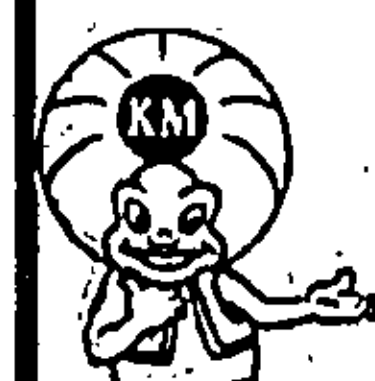
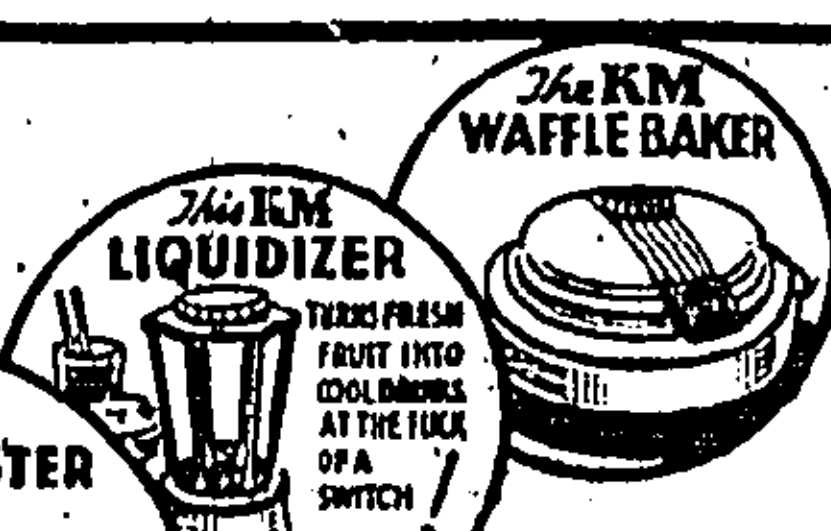
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15th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 22nd January

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the above may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.

Entries close at NOON on WEDNESDAY, 8th December, 1948.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, Dec. 2, 1948.

FAR EASTERN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

NOTICE
TARIFF OF ADDITIONAL RATES
WITH TRANSHIPMENT
HOMEWARDS
No. 1

Shippers are advised that a Tariff of Additional Rates with Transshipment Homewards has been published which will supersede the additional rates with transshipment to ports of destination previously shown in Section IV of the Homeward Tariff dated January, 1947.

The new Transshipment Tariff supplements and completes the Main Tariff No. 3 dated June, 1948, and enables Shippers to ascertain the through rates of freight to ports hitherto in operation.

The Transshipment Tariff will become effective on 7th December, 1948, and copies can be obtained from the office of the Far Eastern Freight Conference, P. & O. Building, 1st floor, Hong Kong, at a charge of HK\$20.00 per copy on and after 6th December, 1948.

FAR EASTERN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

NOTICE

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT
Medical Department
REMINDER
TO REGISTERED DENTISTS

The following extract from the Dental Registration Ordinance is published for information.

"Every registered dentist practising in the Colony who desires his name to be retained on the register shall, before the end of every year, make application in the prescribed form, and shall pay the prescribed fee for the retention of his name on the register."

Forms may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Medical Department, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor. Applicants should apply personally with two copies of photographs of passport size.

The Prescribed fee (\$50) should be paid into the Treasury, Prince's Building, 1A, Des Voeux Road Central, and the forms should be resubmitted to the Medical Department for completion.

WARNING

The Public are warned that proceedings will be taken against any person found practising dentistry in contravention of the Dental Registration Ordinance, (No. 1 of 1940).

G. H. THOMAS,
Ag. Director
of Medical Services.

December 1, 1948.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Upper Albert Road from Arbuthnot Road to Garden Road will be closed to all eastbound vehicular traffic except motor buses from 8 a.m. on Sunday, 5th December, 1948, until road repairs are completed.

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Rugby Tournament

The Quadrangular Rugby Tournament at Sookun-poo yesterday was marked by superb football, with the Army versus Navy game providing one of the finest games seen this year.

In spite of the fact that their forwards played an outstanding game, Navy were forced to bow to Army, who won by 12 points to six.

The Club v RAF-HK Police game also provided plenty of interesting rugby and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Club, who won by 24 points to three.

Club—RAF-HK Police

In the opening game, Club were early on the attack and after gaining the ball from the scrum, John Henderson converting the try.

Club returned to the attack and after a brilliant in-cr-passing movement between de Rome and Henderson forced his way over for a grand try which Farquharson turned to convert.

The same player missed with a penalty kick. It was all Club at this point, their forwards playing better than for some weeks and their backs going hard. This eventually led to Henderson making an opening for de Rome to score, J. R. Henderson bringing out full points.

Shortly afterwards, the same player kicked a grand penalty goal against a difficult cross wind. Club got the ball and started a back movement; however, the ball went loose and RAF-Police took the chance they had been waiting for and although tackled by Cressford, their left centre managed to get a good try.

Half time: Club 10 points, RAF-Police 3 points. After the change round, the combined team forwards started attacking and gave Club a few unpleasant moments. However, they were kept out and Club returned to the attack.

Evans, who played a hard game throughout, missed with a penalty kick and Club, gaining the ball, sent J. Henderson away for a try which was converted by the same player.

Shortly afterwards, Roy de Rome, after a beautiful break through by D. Henderson, kicked down for a try, which was converted, the final score being 24-3.

Army—Navy

A blustery wind played havoc with some of the passing and kicking in this game, but otherwise it was a hard and exciting game.

Army soon went ahead when Tucker kicked a penalty goal from the 25 yard line. Evans very nearly went through for Navy from the kick off, but knocked on. Army were awarded a free kick for off-side, which enabled Wilson to return play to the half-way line.

Navy pack were playing a grand game and were getting the ball in the set scrums; Evans was, however, lying too far from his scrum half and was continually embarrassed by the ball swinging away from his hands.

Navy were nearly over but, as happened much too often, the ball was knocked on. From a free kick to Army, Wilson went through, but the ball went into touch. From the ensuing line-out, the ball went to Roberts, who went through to hand to Milne. Tucker failed with the kick, the score being 6-0.

Navy were awarded a penalty shortly afterwards and Mathieson, who was playing a hard game, kicked a good goal. The half time score was 6-3. From the turn round, Navy backs mishandling allowed

LRC Tennis Results

In a Club Mixed Doubles semi-final tennis match played at the Ladies Recreation Club yesterday, Mr. Q. Standaloft and Mrs. Litton beat Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Strickland 6-2, 6-3.

Today's Games

2.30 p.m. Handicap Mixed Doubles: Mr. A.V. Lind and Mrs. Eltzen v Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Strickland.

2.45 p.m. Finals of the Club Men's Singles: Mr. R. Segalen v Mr. J. Mackie.

4.00 p.m. Men's Handicap Doubles, Inter-Hong: Mr. M. Heenan and Mr. G.E. Strickland (Government Legal Department) v Mr. A.L. Smith and Mr. E.L.H. Glenzie (Hong Kong Bank).

Roberts to get his backs moving. Swayne went over for a try, which Tucker converted. Play continued in midfield, but Evans at fly-half for Navy was not happy, his handling being far from perfect.

Navy's defence at this point was outstanding. Army player after Army player being pulled down hard; however, once again mishandling amongst their backs permitted Army to go ahead through a well taken try by Swayne. Tucker was unfortunate to miss with a beautiful kick which was just short.

From the ensuing kick off, Navy forwards, with grim determination, took the ball right up to and over their opponent's line for a well deserved try.

The final whistle went on what was perhaps the finest game seen this year, with the score 12 points to 6 in Army's favour.

Navy forwards were outstanding and they gained the ball in all except two of the set scrums; however, this advantage was lost to Army's backs, who played good, orthodox rugby and took advantage of every chance given them, their halves, Roberts and Wilson as usual being outstanding.

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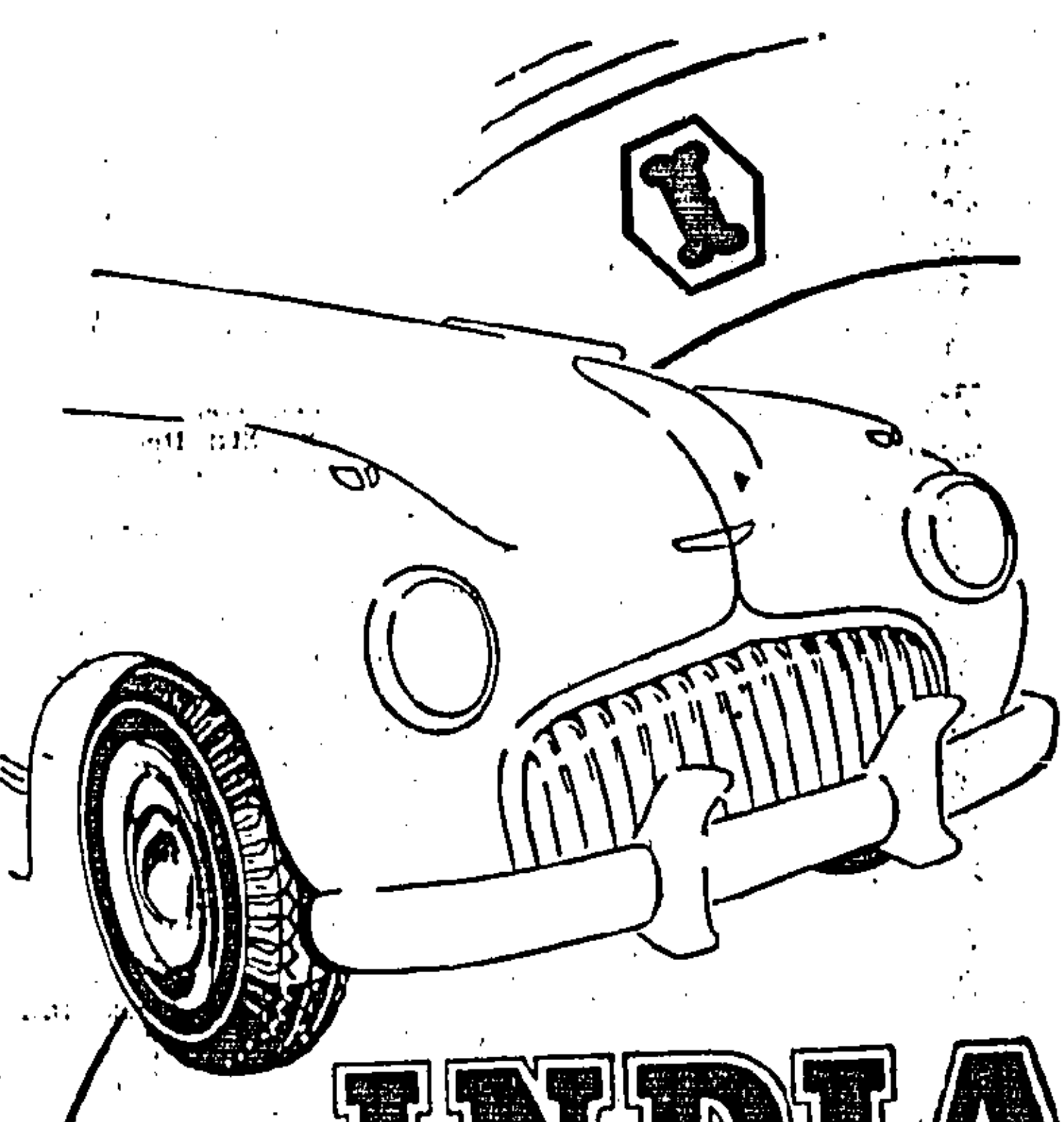
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CRUSADE IN EUROPE

EISENHOWER'S BOOK THE FACTS

By The Sunday Times
Military Correspondent

No man strove more for the creation of goodwill between the Allies than General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe in the last war. He has rightly earned his place in history for his masterly handling of the immense problems involved in bringing to battle armies of many nations in the liberation of a whole continent. Much of his book, published under the title "Crusade in Europe," and now appearing in serial form in the "China Mail," is a long non-controversial report following the line of his official despatches published in June, 1946, and will be of great value to the historian. One is forced to the conclusion, however, that General Eisenhower considers that the war was really won by America, that every American view was right, every British idea wrong. He forgets to mention that Britain was at the front with its pitifully inadequate defences while the United States looked on. The plain truth is that Britain suffered losses offered sacrifices and sustained a burden that was unequalled by any other Allied nation, except possibly Russia, and certainly not the United States.

Though he has many charming things to say about them, nevertheless hardly any British leader escapes his censure. He suggests that Mr. Churchill's views on strategy, particularly his "island position" (which he calls "Montgomery's") to the invasion of the South of France in August, 1944, were coloured by political rather than military considerations. His story will record that the invasion of Southern France was a strategic blunder of the first magnitude. American blunder. It certainly lost Vienna to the Western Allies. General Eisenhower's thinly veiled criticism of Field-Marshal Lord Alanbrooke will cause annoyance to all those who know that the then C.I.G.S.'s personal contribution to victory was surpassed only by Mr. Churchill's.

A False Picture

His comments on Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery that he lived in a "trailer" surrounded by a few aides and that he consistently refused to deal with a staff officer from any headquarters other than his own, are utterly untrue and give a false picture of a highly scientific system of command in the field.

The impression is created that the idea of an eventual cross-Channel invasion was American and that everyone else opposed it. This is American propaganda. The British view always was that it was not feasible in 1942 or 1943. The Americans were completely out of touch with the practical realities of the war, and finally had to admit that the British view was right.

Eisenhower's consistent refusal to have an overall Army Commander-in-Chief will always be a matter for discussion and criticism. He insisted on commanding the land armies himself; he is not in any way a battle commander, and he had no previous experience; in fact, he did not understand how to command in the field.

In the higher sphere of Supreme Command, his qualities as a "lubricator" of the gigantic machine which had been created for the invasion were without equal. But a Supreme Commander sits on a lofty perch; he exercises command in a great strategic sphere and he cannot exercise tactical command at the same time. Eisenhower did attempt to do so, with results disastrous in their post-war setting.

In the campaign in North West Europe, he descended into the tactical realm at a moment when the strategy and political objects were of vital importance. The enemy had been severely defeated in battle and overhanging else could have been added unto us, given a firm captain of the ship.

No Strong Hand

Ralph Ingersoll was right in "Top Secret" when he wrote: "I believe that in August, 1944, a Supreme Allied Commander with the qualifications

set down above could have ended the war by Christmas. But there was no such Supreme Allied Commander. There was no strong hand at the helm, no man in command.

This view is supported by Sir James Grigg, at that time the British Secretary of State for War, in his recent book, "Prejudice and Judgment." General Eisenhower alleges that Montgomery suddenly proposed a land-force commander to control the campaign, in addition to retaining command of 21 Army Group. This is absolutely untrue. Montgomery urged most strongly that Eisenhower should appoint a land-force commander to control the land battle and keep it in the ranks; he never suggested that he could do this and at the same time retain direct command of 21 Army Group. He urged that, if he himself was not acceptable as land force commander, then Bradley should be given the job, and he offered to serve under Bradley; he did so in writing several times. This sensible suggestion is described by Eisenhower as "fantastic."

Eisenhower's judgment was in his instance clouded by the possibilities of adverse public opinion. He felt that Britain would never accept General Bradley as Supreme Land Commander, though Montgomery told him that we would agree to anything which would shorten the war.

Misleading

Montgomery, again backed up by Sir James Grigg, has always believed that the war could have been won by the end of 1944, and that heavy casualties, particularly the 70,000 Americans in the Ardennes, could have been saved by concentrating the whole Allied advance, backed by our total administrative strength, on the left through Brussels and across the Rhine into the North German plains. Eisenhower preferred a broad-front strategy and describes Montgomery's plan as a pencil-like thrust which would meet certain destruction. This is grossly misleading. The right flank was to be on the Ardennes and the left flank on the North Sea; over 1,000,000 men would have been involved in the movement.

It was clear to Montgomery in Normandy that the German High Command was postponing withdrawal dangerously late. His

plan was designed to exploit this situation and to deal the German forces a blow which would make their quick recovery impossible. We did not do this, and thus lost a great opportunity of exploiting fully the German disorganisation consequent on their crushing defeat in the Falaise-Argentan battle.

Had Montgomery's plan been adopted it would have shortened the war. It also held great possibilities of bringing about the end of the war in Europe with a political balance much more favourable to an early and stable peace than the actual outcome. With a proper plan we could have been in Berlin, Prague, and Vienna before the Russians. [Eisenhower's book shows clearly that Mr. Churchill's aim was to be in Berlin first, whereas the Supreme Commander did not seem to look beyond the destruction of the German field armies.]

Up To Monty

We shall never get to the bottom of this argument until Montgomery is at liberty to publish all the telegrams and letters that passed between him and Eisenhower during September and October, 1944. When these are published we believe that history will record that Montgomery was right about the weakness of the broad-front strategy.

Certain facts have already leaked out.

It seems that early in September, 1944, when Montgomery had been relieved of the overall land command, Eisenhower issued orders that the armies would advance on a broad front and would capture the Ruhr and the Saar and the Frankfurt area; while they were advancing they would capture and open the port of Antwerp. When Eisenhower issued these orders he was at Granville on the Cherbourg peninsula, about 500 miles behind the front; he was out of touch with the realities of what was going on up in front; communications were so difficult that his telegrams took as long as 48 hours to reach Montgomery.

Striking For Berlin

Montgomery replied to these orders that his administrative situation was so stretched that he could not possibly capture the Ruhr; he added his opinion that the right wing had no hope of capturing the Saar. About a week later Montgomery's armies were fighting hard on the Leepold Canal line against ever-increasing opposition, and he was barely able to maintain them, so bad was the administrative situation.

To his amazement he then (in the middle of September) received a letter from Eisenhower saying that the armies would very soon be in possession of the Ruhr, the Saar, and the Frankfurt area, and asking for his views as to what should be the next move. In his letter Eisenhower said that in his view we should concentrate all energies and resources on a rapid thrust to Berlin!

Montgomery had, of course, been advocating this course since August, but it was now too late; what was or was not possible was closely linked to the administrative situation, and this had been dealt a mortal blow by the broad-front policy.

Several other statements require correction. It is untrue to say that Montgomery "came to General Eisenhower's headquarters for a conference early in January, 1944." The facts are in Montgomery's own book, "Normandy to the Baltic." Montgomery met Eisenhower at Marseilles quite by accident, and took the opportunity to explain to him the tactical faults in the Cossae plan (later called Overlord). On having these faults pointed out, Eisenhower asked Montgomery to examine the whole plan in England, and gave him the necessary authority to do so.

Montgomery's general plan, outlined in February, was to land



on the Normandy coast, build up the resources for a decisive battle in the Normandy and Brittany region, and break out of the enemy's encircling positions. General Eisenhower, however, says he had his own further long-term plan carefully outlined at staff meetings before D-Day. This is the first public mention of it. It is clear that the plan was never shaped beyond the first three months. No one who was on the staff at that time knew anything about this "phantom plan." It is apparently being wise after the event.

Indiscretion

Also appearing in America at this time is a book by Kay Summersby, "Eisenhower Was My Boss." It can do no good to General Eisenhower, if American generals were in the habit of confiding in women car drivers and secretaries as Eisenhower and others appear to have done if this book is true, then their characters must slump in the eyes of the world. Mrs. Summersby, Eisenhower's woman driver, alleges that Eisenhower discussed with her his views on generals under him and also disclosed to her the most secret matters. Her views on the leading war figures are enlightening, since they are presumably Eisenhower's; the British come out badly, the Americans always win. One can only hope that much of the book is untrue. There is some evidence that this may be so. On page 65 the author states that at the Tunis Victory Parade she stood on the platform at the saluting base next to Montgomery, the man she disliked so much. Montgomery did not attend the Tunis Victory Parade; he was in London on that day. Historians will note that Eisenhower was served by British Commanders-in-Chief. In the Mediterranean he had Cunningham, Alexander, Tedder—all British. In North-West Europe he had Tedder as his Deputy and his Chief of Staff, and his three invasion, Commanders-in-Chief were Ramsay, Montgomery, and Leigh-Mallory—all British. And historians may be left to judge the issue between General Eisenhower and his Commanders-in-Chief when all the facts are known.

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Last From America

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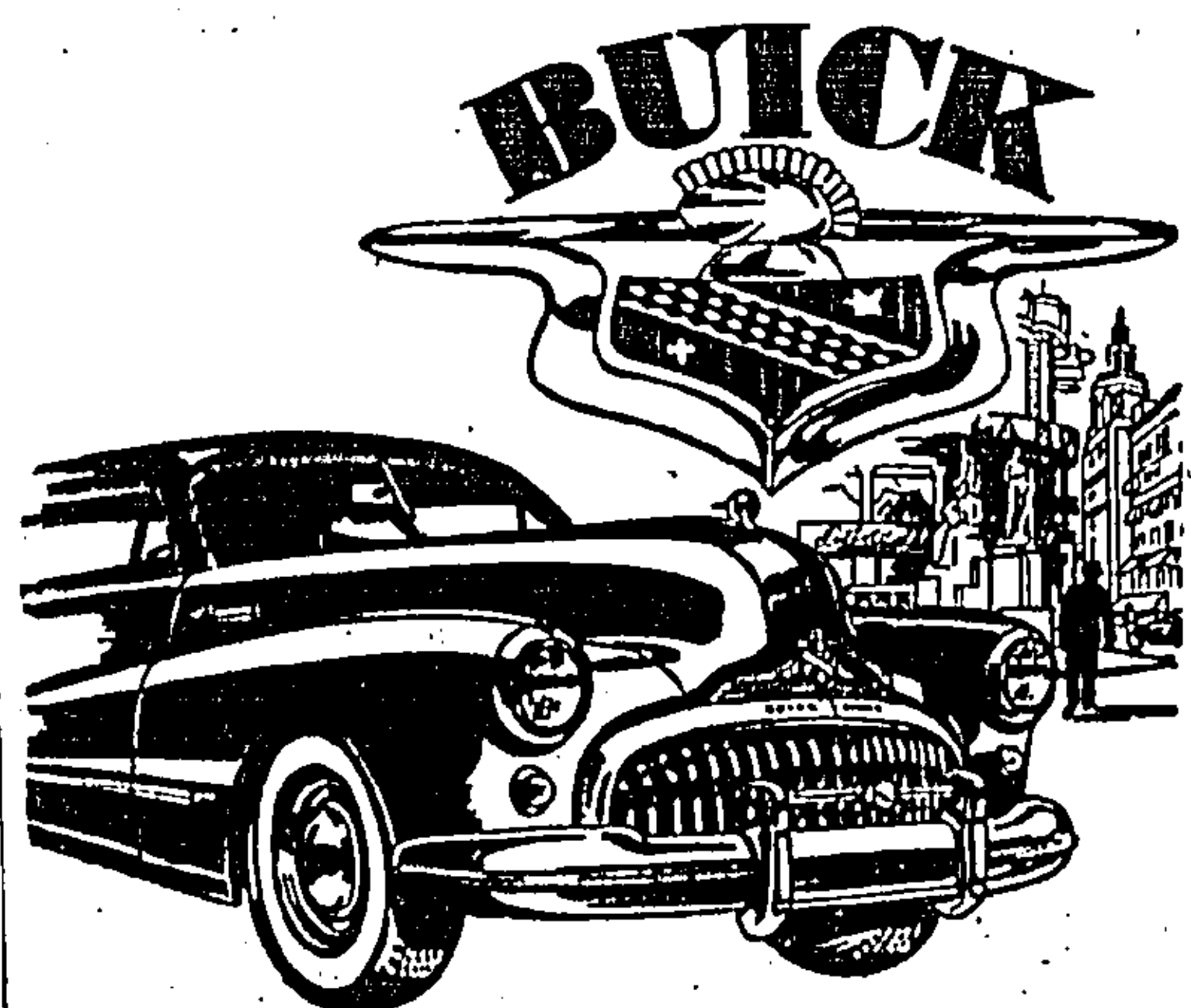
Before the end of 1949 we may see ocean flights attempted to this timetable, and perhaps Sydney, Australia, 12,000 miles distant, reached 24 hours after the Comet leaves London.

Helicopters, Too

The Handley-Page Hermes, a 50-seater cruising at 300 m.p.h. and destined for the Empire routes, will also operate this coming year. Its military version, the Hastings, has already gone into service on the Berlin airlift.

British helicopters will also be seen in greater numbers during 1949, and first plans will be prepared for seeking helicopter sites in towns for the 10 and 24-seater types under construction. Ultimately all Britain's internal air services will be operated by helicopters.

Thus 1949 is more than a year of promise—it will prove a year of fulfilment in commercial aviation pointing the way to our taking the lead on the ocean routes when large numbers of these new air-liners are available.

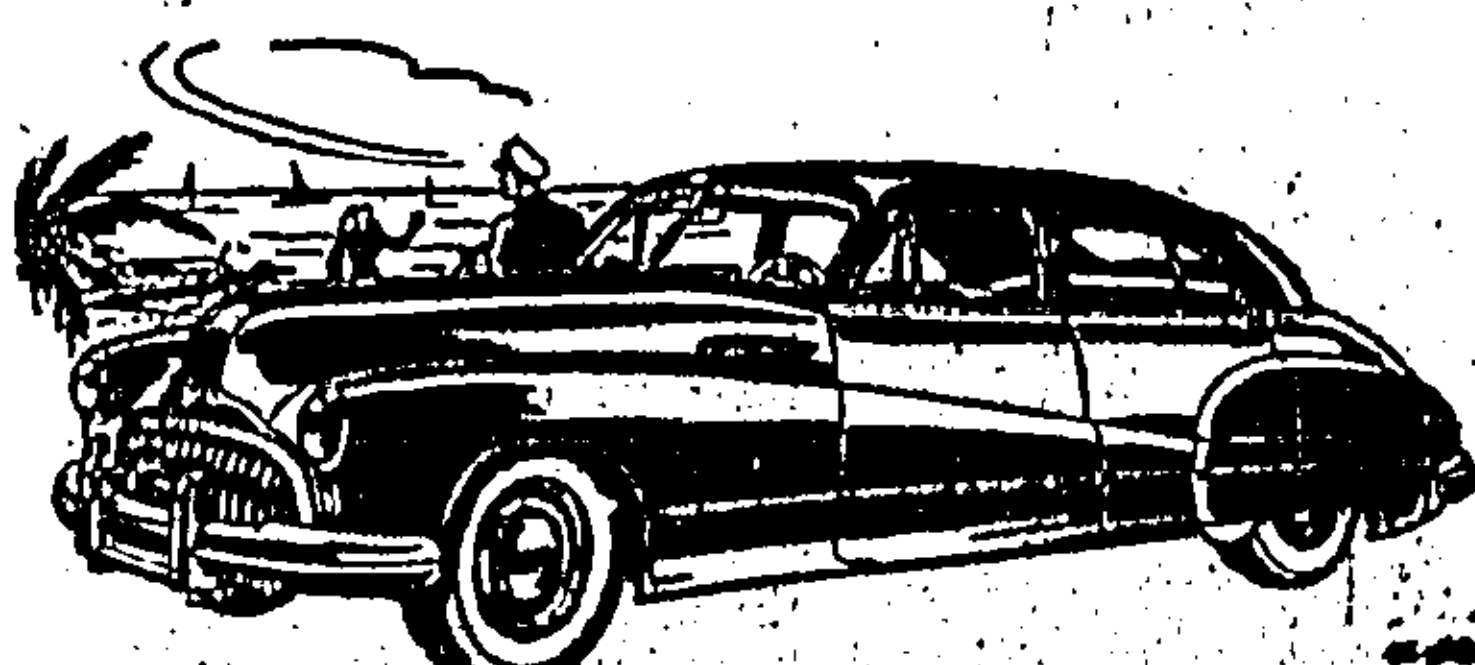


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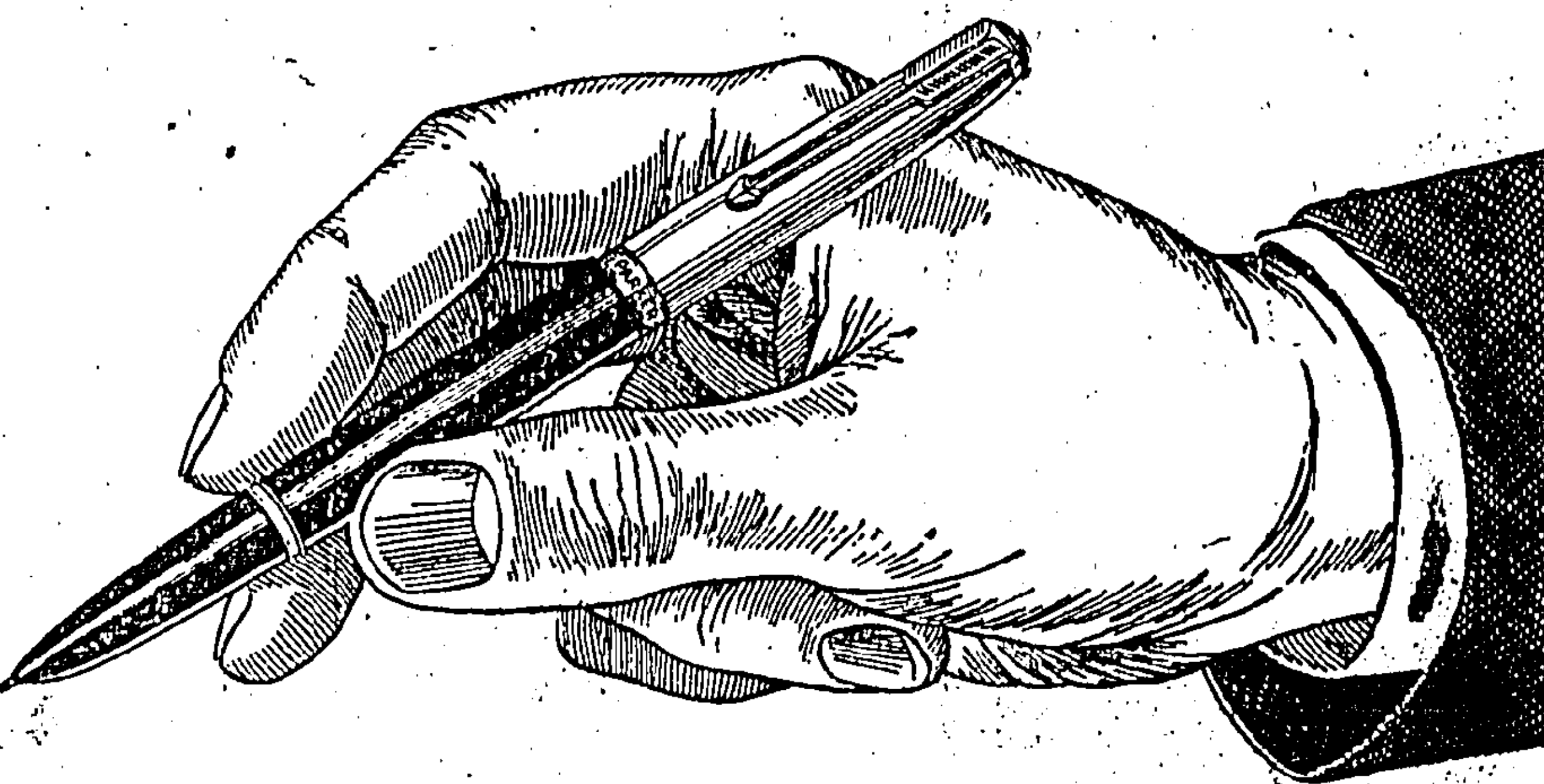
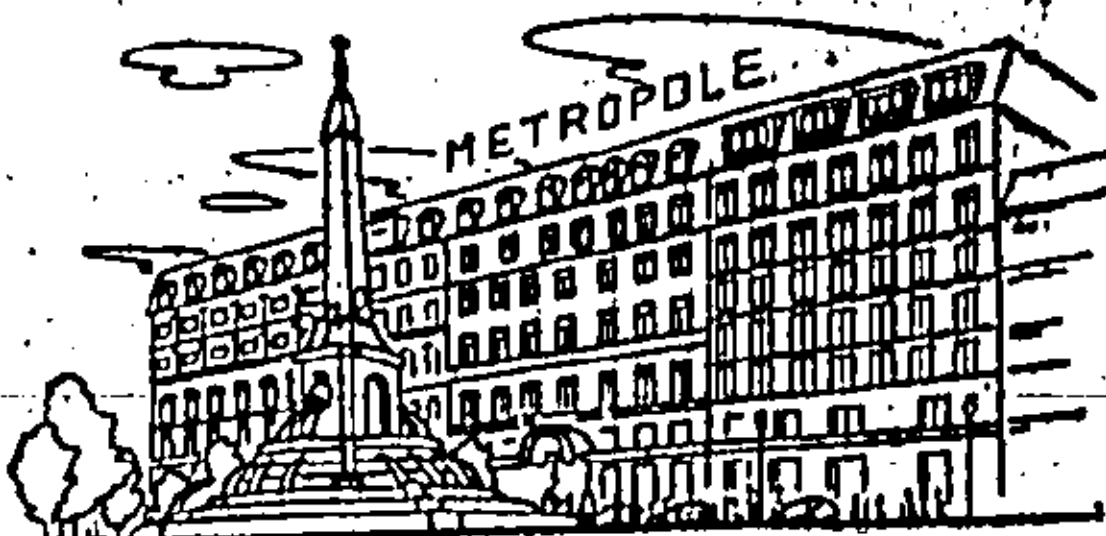
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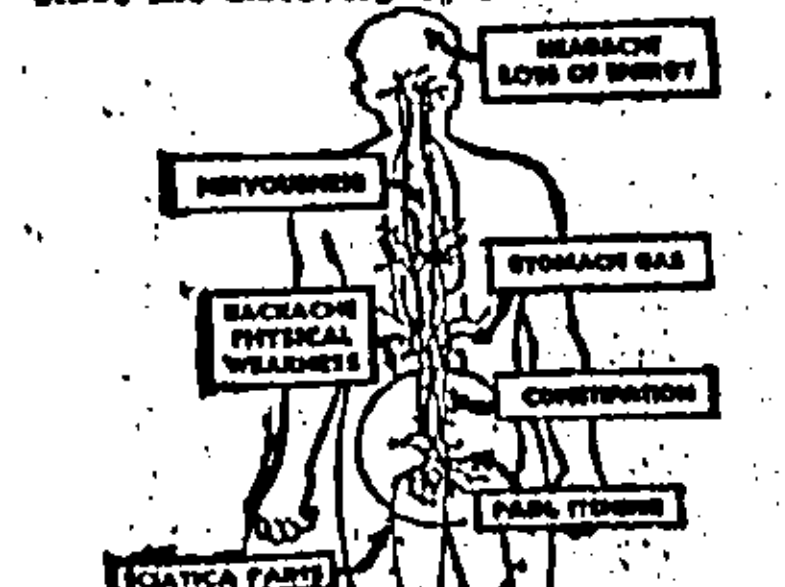
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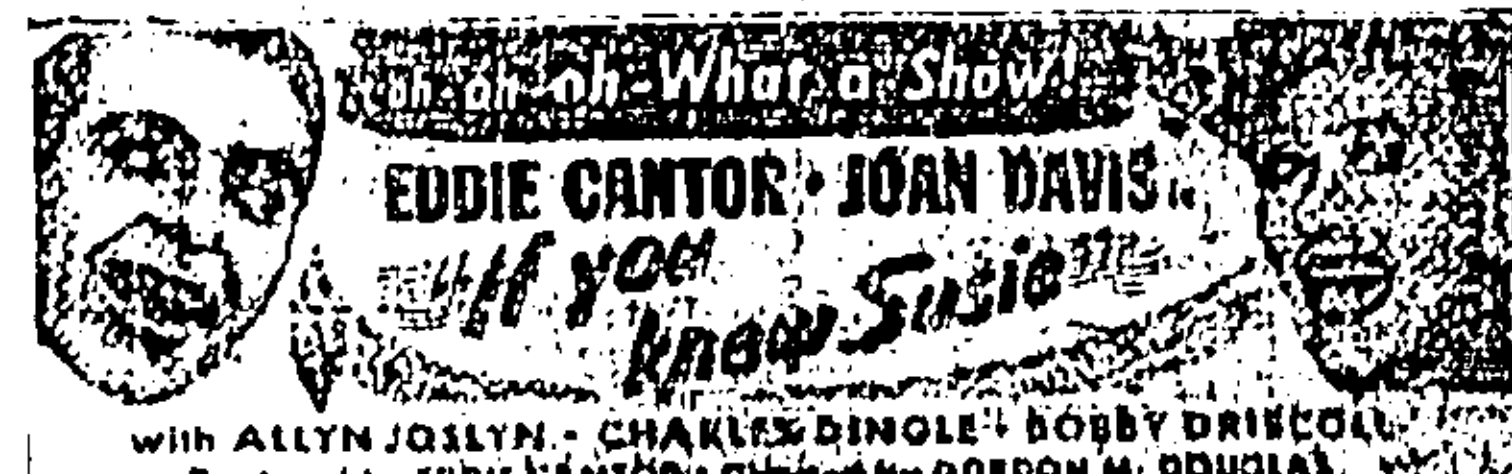


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Atlantic Defence To Be Talked This Week

Washington, December 3.

The draft proposals for a North Atlantic military alliance between the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands and Luxembourg reached Washington today by a special British messenger.

Officials said the delivery of the proposals would make it possible for negotiation of the pact to begin early next week.

It would be followed by the Ambassadors of the Western European powers and the United States and Canadian representatives.

The plans for negotiation of the pact are already several weeks behind schedule, but it is hoped to have it in an agreed form for ratification by the United States Congress not later than March.

The officials said the draft proposals had been agreed by all five Western Union powers and constituted a working document for the guidance of their representatives in Washington.

The broad general terms of the pact, it was understood, are:

War Renounced

1. The signatories renounce war as an instrument of policy and the use of force except under the provisions of the United Nations charter.

2. Safeguards are provided for the authority of the Security Council and for the signatories to take measures of collective defence pending action by the Security Council in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations charter.

3. They agree that armed attack on any one of the signatory nations shall be considered an armed attack on all others including the United States.

4. The treaty, as proposed, safeguards the right of each signatory to decide itself whether action of an outside attacking nation is an armed attack or not, and to take such action as it may individually take in fulfilment of its obligations under the pact.

5. It provides that despite any collective decisions of the consultative body, to be set up by the members of the pact, there shall be no binding obligation for any state to use armed force without its own consent.

In these provisions the treaty accedes to that part of the United States constitution which gives Congress alone the right to declare war.

6. It envisages a permanent consultative council of representatives of the signatory nations. This council would meet immediately if any nation was attacked to decide upon collective action.—Reuter.

"Pole To Pole" Defence Pact

Washington, December 3.

The United States and the South American nations were today in an historic alliance pledging joint action to defend their hemisphere against outside attack.

The "Pole to Pole" defence pact went into force when Costa Rica became the 13th State to ratify the Rio pact.—United Press.

Another Year For Little Assembly

Paris, December 3.

The United Nations General Assembly today decided to retain for another year the Interim Committee, or Little Assembly.

The establishment of a Permanent Committee was opposed during the debate by members of the Slav bloc as a manoeuvre by the Western Powers to bypass the Security Council and Big Power veto.

Forty countries voted in favour of retaining the Interim Committee, with six (the Slav bloc) opposing and one abstention (India).

Mr. John Dulles (United States) declared that he was so tired of Soviet allegations that America aimed at world mastery that he no longer reacted.

In the general discussions, the United States favoured adjourning the General Assembly not later than December 12, and on December 11 the General Committee should meet to decide whether to re-convene at Lake Success.

Canada and China suggested December 15 and Mr. Hector McNeill, British, supporting them, said that his delegation greatly feared that if they agreed to the principle that they could meet again in New York, it would become a most unhappy precedent.

They must aim, at completing their work in each Assembly session.

Poland and Soviet Russia did not agree that the prestige of the United Nations would suffer through splitting the work of the General Assembly.

Most of the Committee suggested that a target date should be fixed, but Dr. Herbert Evatt said that they could not do so without giving adequate attention to the unfinished business of the Assembly. He adjourned the meeting until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Buried By Cinders

London, December 3.

The body of a contractor of Tarpersley, Cheshire, was found buried under several tons of cinders and slack at the railway tip adjoining Crewe Locomotive Works today.

Another man, believed to be a Pole, was dug out from the tip alive, and was sent to hospital in a serious condition. The two men went to the tip yesterday for a load of cinders and as they did not return home, the contractor's wife became anxious and communicated with the police.

The contractor's lorry was found partially buried in the cinders. Several tons of cinders and slack were removed after cries for help were heard coming from the tip.

It is believed the tip gave way as the men were digging, causing several tons of cinders to fall on the men.—Reuter.

White Gaoled For Rape

Wetumpka, Alabama.

A stocky, 30-year-old white man today faced a 45-year penitentiary sentence for the rape of a young negro woman after an all-white jury had acted on the prosecutor's plea to show that a negro "can get justice in this court."

The jury found John C. Howard, Jr., guilty of rape and fixed the penalty at 45 years. Before returning the verdict, the foreman of the jury, R. A. Nelson, asked the circuit judge, Oakley Melton, if the jury could prevent Howard from ever getting a parole or pardon.

The judge advised: "That is not for you to worry about."—United Press.

Hunt For Forgery Ring

Brussels, December 3.

Two Danish police officials have arrived here to help in a hunt for two people who may provide a vital clue to a gang which has been flooding Europe with counterfeit dollars.

The two are believed to be of Polish origin. Investigations into the dollar forgeries have been going on for some time.—Reuter.

Crisis Over In Syria?

Damascus, December 3.

The former Syrian President, Hashim Bey El Atassi, today accepted the President's invitation to form a new Popular Front Cabinet. He had earlier declined. The crisis is expected to end today.

Transport and other services in the capital are returning to normal. A curfew was proclaimed throughout Syria today after a four-day general strike and rioting in protest against the partition of Palestine.

The proclamation was issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian Army and was dropped from planes.

This move followed a gun battle on Wednesday in which eight students and other people were killed and another clash yesterday at the funeral of some of Wednesday's victims.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 835 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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10.30 a.m.—Programme Summary.

10.35 a.m.—Relay of the Celebration of Mass from St. Joseph's Church, Proctors, The Rev. Father T. Boddy, S.J.

11.05 a.m.—London Studio Melodies. (BBC)

11.45 a.m.—Orphan Recital by Ralph Downes from Birmingham Oratory. (BBC)

12.00 p.m.—Picture Parade. Featuring "Hamlet." (BBC)

12.30 p.m.—Sports Results and Daily Programme Summary.

12.40 p.m.—Light Variety.

1.0 p.m.—A Programme of Famous Singers.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—A Popular Orchestral Concert.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.25 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.00 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)

6.15 p.m.—"Mule for Romance." (BBC)

6.45 p.m.—Victor Silvester's Strings. (London Relay)

7.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—"Looking Ahead" A review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—The Noel Coward Programme presented by Noel Coward.

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—An Appeal for St. Vincent de Paul Society from the Studio.

8.15 p.m.—"ITMA" with Tommy Handley. (London Relay)

8.45 p.m.—University Programme: Law No. 1 by Professor H.F. Jolywe. (BBC)

9.00 p.m.—"Symphony Concert." Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini (Bachmanoff). A. Rubinstein at the Piano and the Philharmonia Orchestra. (Op. 43) Symphony No. 2 in D Minor (Borodin). London Symphony Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay) and Weather Report.

10.10 p.m.—"Symphony Concert." (Cont'd) Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso. Op. 28 (Saint-Saens) Ida Haendel (Violin) with the National Symphony Orchestra. (Op. 43) Symphony No. 2 in D Minor (Borodin). London Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Ephraim conducted by the Rev. Father D. Lawler, S.J. (Studio)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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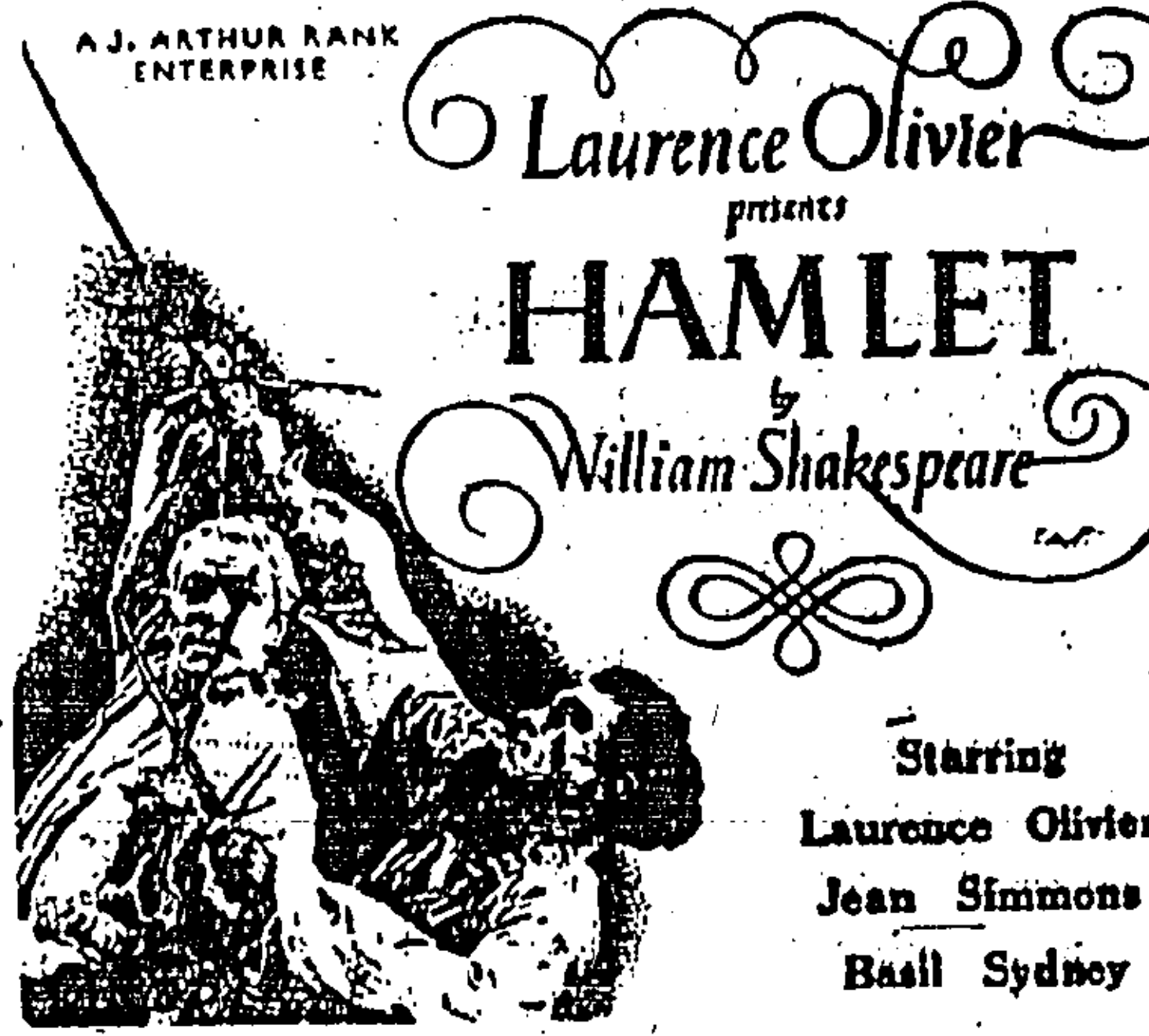
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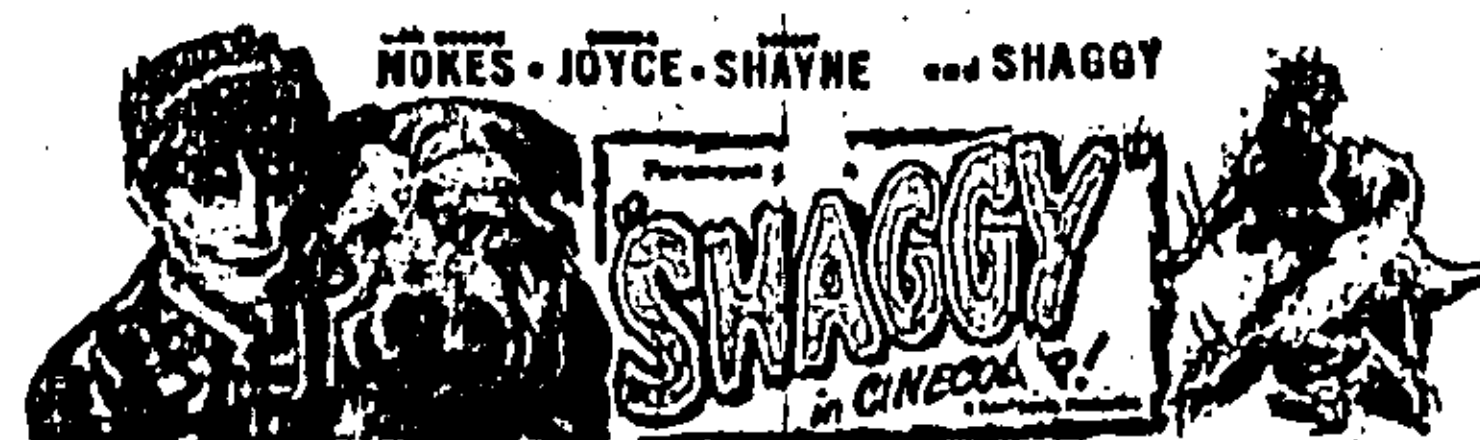


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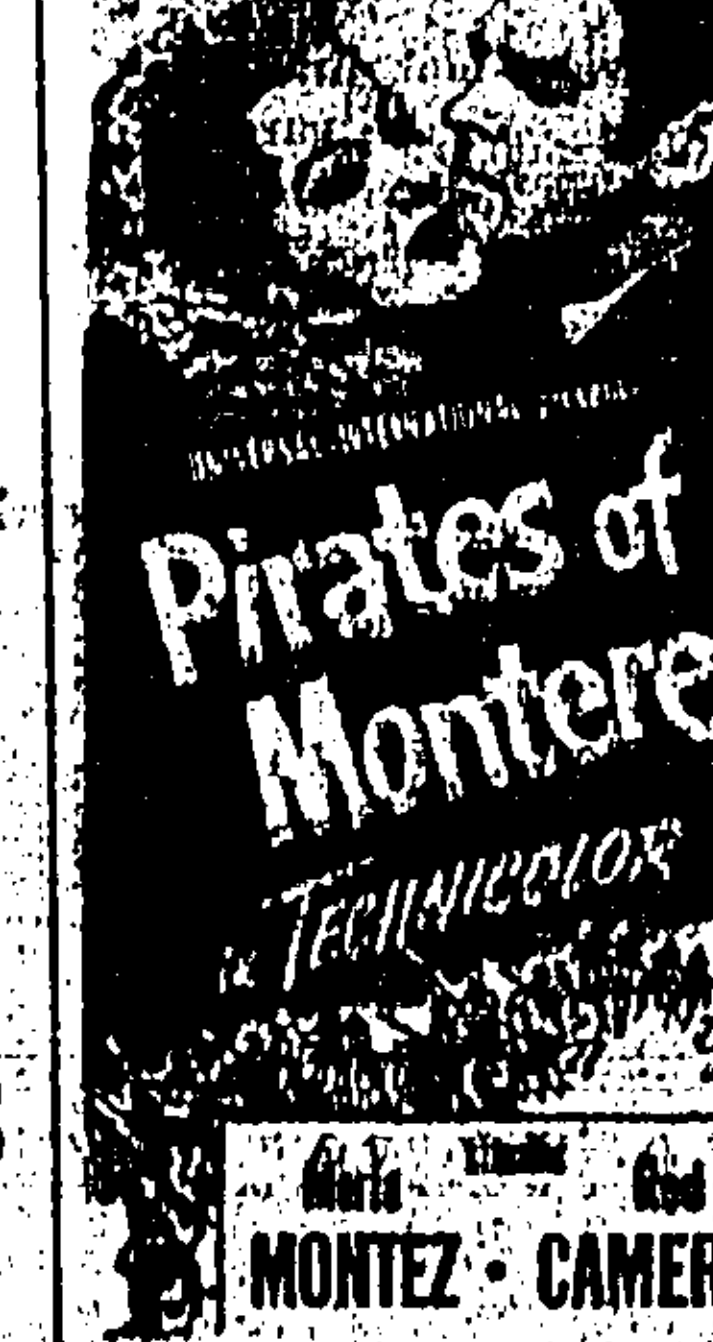
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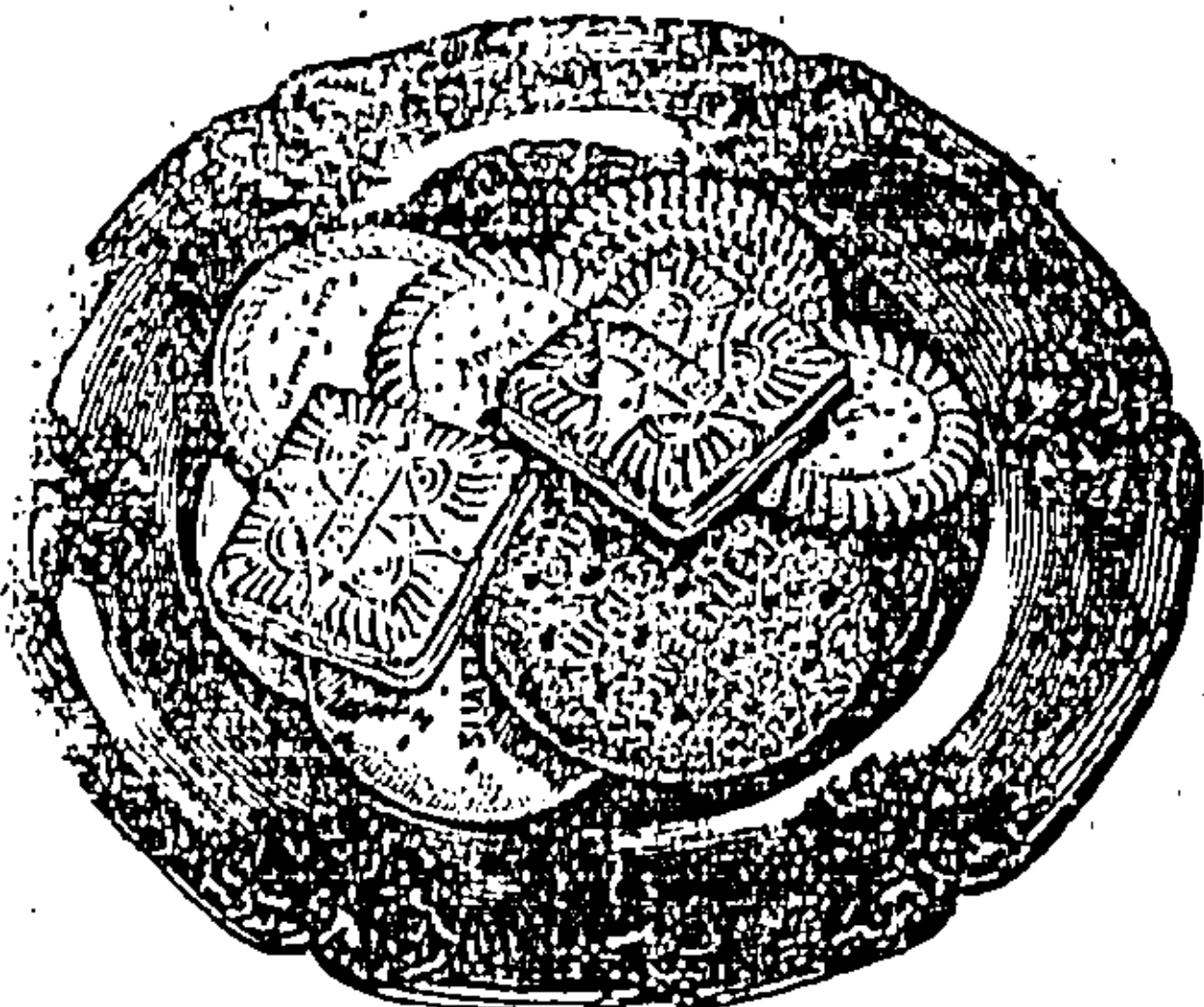
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I've been trapped in this luxuriously appointed mansion by gangsters. They carried me up the marble staircase, and then locked me in this room, saying that they would be back when the others arrived. No indication who they might be, but I am filled with dread.

Suddenly, the door opens again, and they throw in Dame Sybil Thorndike.

(You know how it goes in dreams. Not much logic).

Dame Sybil goes down on her knees. She wrings her hands, she begs me to assist her to escape. I've never seen a finer performance.

I open the door and we step out into a long passage. Everything is absolutely quiet. I turn my head for a second to reassure Dame Sybil, look round again, and there are the five gangsters right across our path. And I'm glad to say, what I'm really trying to get at really at this point, because there is nothing more tedious than other people's dreams.

I put Dame Sybil behind me, and square up to the gangsters. They are elderly men in neat, dark suits, with pleasant faces, but I know they're bad all through.

I advance my left foot, faintly with the left hand, and I smash over a pile-driving right. Nothing, whatever happens! The gangster at whom I have aimed happens to be talking to a friend, and he goes right on talking. He feels nothing!

I draw my fist back again, let it drop, and then bring it up off the floor. It ought to knock his block off. But he just smiles. I usually wake up at this point, mad with frustration. But what goes wrong? I get through, in a dreamland, nearly 15 rounds a week with gangsters, and I haven't left a mark on one of them yet.

I have a theory. In the rush and bustle of modern life I

haven't, as yet, had the time or the opportunity to strike a fellow human being with my fist. There has been some peevish jostling in public-houses, and once I pushed a man, who had his back half-turned, to me, down a low bank into a bed of nettles. But no "clank" blow—nothing that I ever stepped back from, sucking my knuckles, saying, "Well, he asked for it, didn't he?"

I'm nearly sure that that's where the troubles lie. I carry in my subconscious mind no memory of having struck a blow, so that no sensation of striking a blow can rise to the surface in my dream.

I'm going to have to do something about it. You should have seen the look on Dame Sybil's face the other night when that swinging punch of mine just dissolved into thin air!

But when I strike my blow it's going to be done in a situation where there is no chance of unthinking reprisals.

This is not a fight. It's just straight psychiatric work. Someone once landed me one in thick fog on St. Patrick's Night in Little Newport-street, London, and I don't want that sort of thing to happen again, thank you very much indeed.

As I see it, it will have to be a situation in which I have at least 12 middle-sized people on my side. And the man that receives the blow from me will have to have committed a crime against society sufficiently clearly defined to make it certain that these 12 will simultaneously fall on the back of his neck, if he so much as makes one counter-move in my direction.

A smash-and-grab raid, I think, would be the thing. I am walking along the street, wearing a good stout pair of fur gloves, when there is a sudden cry—"Stop thief!"

A man comes running along the pavement towards me. He is a smallish person—might have

been a botanist while he was going straight—but there is an ugly look in his eye.

Seeing me barring his path, he checks himself, and tries to dodge round a corner. Both his feet get stuck in a grating.

I act without hesitation. I spring forward, and, clutching his tie with one gloved hand, I drive the other straight into his face. He goes down like a dog, and is leaped upon instantly by four policemen, who whip him into a strait-jacket.

A roar of applause arises from the quickly swarming crowd. I wave to them carelessly, sucking my knuckles through the fur of my glove.

"It's nothing," I tell them. "He's carrying me home shoulder-asked for it, didn't he?"

High. I'm happy enough about that, but I'm even happier about the other thing.

I know what it feels like now. The memory of that splendid blow is already sinking deep into my subconscious.

From now on everything's going to be all right for me and Dame Sybil, no matter what class of opposition we come up against after bye-byes. The next time we get into a jam with gangsters they're going to have a real man by her side.

And let me tell you this. From now on those babies are going to know when they've been hit!

Ginderella Back to Front

"But you've got to come," he said. "This is the biggest thing of the year. They lay on everything. They bring down their own refreshments. They even pay for your caddie!"

"Good heavens," I said. "I'll be there."

Turned out to be an absolutely fashionable club in the millionaire belt of Surrey. The other team slinking about in small

plushes and sky-blue stockings. The Press, as usual, threndbore but gay.

Splendid game in the morning, and then an unbelievable lunch. I slipped out during the port to tell the car-hire people to call for me at 6.30, not 6. I didn't want to miss anything by breakfast away from this occasion too soon.

More fashionable golf in the afternoon, and all back in the clubhouse by 4 o'clock. I told my caddie to get himself fixed up by the caddy-master. I told him my hosts would be distressed if they saw me even gesturing towards my pocket.

I want to be quite straight about the next part. The other went off to have tea. I said, on the grounds that I could get rock-buns and sandwich-spread any time, that I would see them later in the bar.

At 4.45 I said to the lady behind the counter, "Excuse me where are the others? Perhaps there is a private room. A snack—oysters and black velvet?"

"I shouldn't be surprised," she said. "If they had gone home, it gets dark early, you know."

"Home?" I cried. "But they can't have! The biggest party of the year..."

A quarter to five, and the car coming for me at 6.30!

"You can, however," said the lady, "have anything you like. Those are the arrangements."

Well, I must say it turned into a pretty cosy little evening. She told me how her son was getting on at school, and I told her how I got my 2nd XI colours. She said she was knitting rather a nice scarf, and I told her how my wool rug was coming along.

I looked after that—tried to give him my watch, as a matter of fact—and returned to the counter.

I have been compelled to mention this matter in case our host thought he'd paid for everything before he left.

Judging by the fact that the driver of the car, when he eventually appeared, had to play two full wooden club shots and a No. 3 iron to get me into the back of it, about another £4 is still owing.

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His Stubbornness Is An Asset To France

Is France's "man of destiny" de Gaulle, a dictator or democrat? Master mind or mystic?

These are questions which people ask about enigmatical General Charles de Gaulle as he makes his bid for a return to power.

De Gaulle himself is responsible for many of the questions hounded against him. Intolerant, arrogant, often seemingly lacking in Gallic humour, all these lay him open to the charge of desiring the dictator's role.

The Communists everywhere have made full use of these traits in his make up. They have sought, with considerable success, to portray him as a Fascist, a reactionary, and a man who would unhesitatingly plunge France into civil war for his own aggrandisement.

Even de Gaulle's presence is not what the French call "sympathique."

He Is Intolerant

That tall, dropping figure and the almost Hitlerian moustache lend themselves to the lampooning cartoonist.

But—and this is the vital factor—without his intolerance de Gaulle would have got nowhere at all.

A less patriotic man would have thrown in the sponge in the early days of the Free French movement, when it was damned by Vichy France, derided in America, and even received with lukewarmness in some British circles.

Not even the Dakar disaster, when a leakage of information

put the Vichyites wise to his raid, dismayed de Gaulle.

It was in the difficult days in Algiers in 1943 that I first saw de Gaulle, and I was able to assess the strength of character of the man who was fighting to vindicate the Free French.

I was a standing joke that one drank to the de Gaulists, but drank with the Giraudists.

The former had little money; they eked out their existence in grubby Algerian cafes in between smuggling themselves in and out

By G.D.K.
McCormick

of France on perilous missions. They were nearly all poor, but they had the spirit, the bearing of heroes.

The Giraudists were mostly of the moneyed class. They lived well, both in the luxurious Palais d'Elle, Giraud's H.Q., and in the exclusive Allied Club which they inaugurated.

It must be remembered that it was the American preference for Giraud which first forced de Gaulle into an uneasy alliance with Communists.

To those who say that de Gaulle is a Fascist, it is as well to point out that he did try to work with the Communists. In the early days of the provisional French Government, he made the best of these dubious colleagues.

He Has Courage

But for the American attitude, this alliance might never have been necessary. De Gaulle might

still have been head of the French Government.

There was, of course, the unpleasant and rather childish incident when de Gaulle refused to travel to Algiers to meet Roosevelt.

It was said that U.S.A. would neither forget nor forgive this snub. Yet, today America certainly prefers de Gaulle to Thorez and France has Marshall Aid.

But for his forthrightness and insistence on going to France immediately after the Normandy landings—his duels with the Allied war leaders—de Gaulle would never have won the respect which Frenchmen have for him today.

Even the Communists admired the courage of a man—a perfect target to Nazi snipers—who walked bareheaded through the heart of Paris while shooting from the roof was still going on.

He Is Tough

It was said that de Gaulle did the wrong thing when he resigned the Premiership. Events have belied the wisecracks. De Gaulle today has increased his prestige a hundredfold.

His stubbornness, which is more characteristic of the British bulldog than the agile and volatile French mind, has ceased to be a defect. It is a national asset.

There is nothing mystical about him. He just believes that the state of political life in France is rotten, and that he alone can cleanse it.

A pretty tough proposition, but then de Gaulle is a pretty tough fellow.



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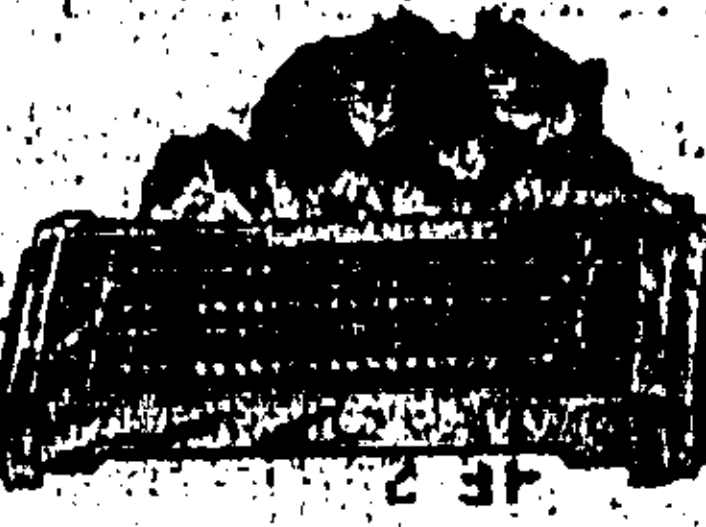
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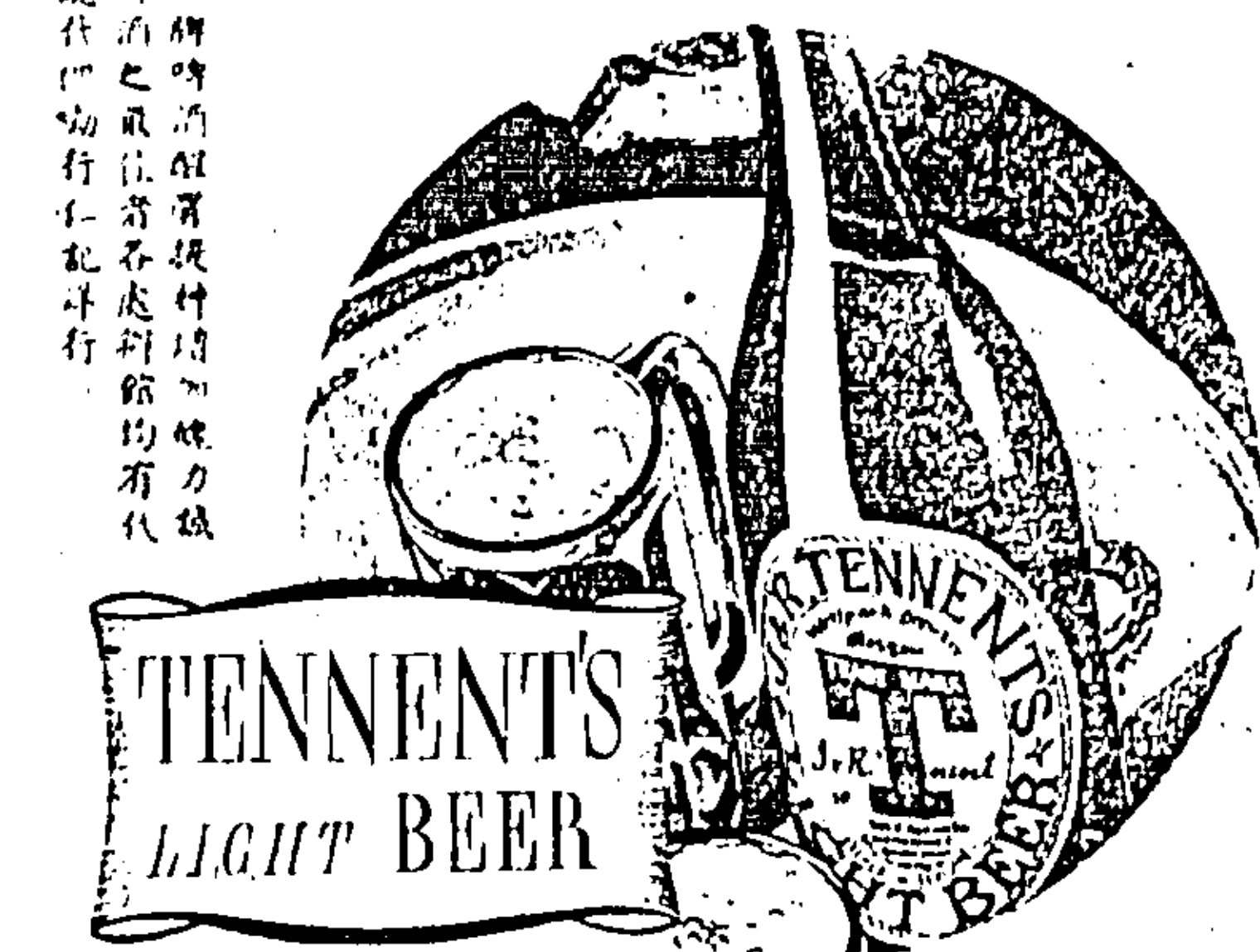
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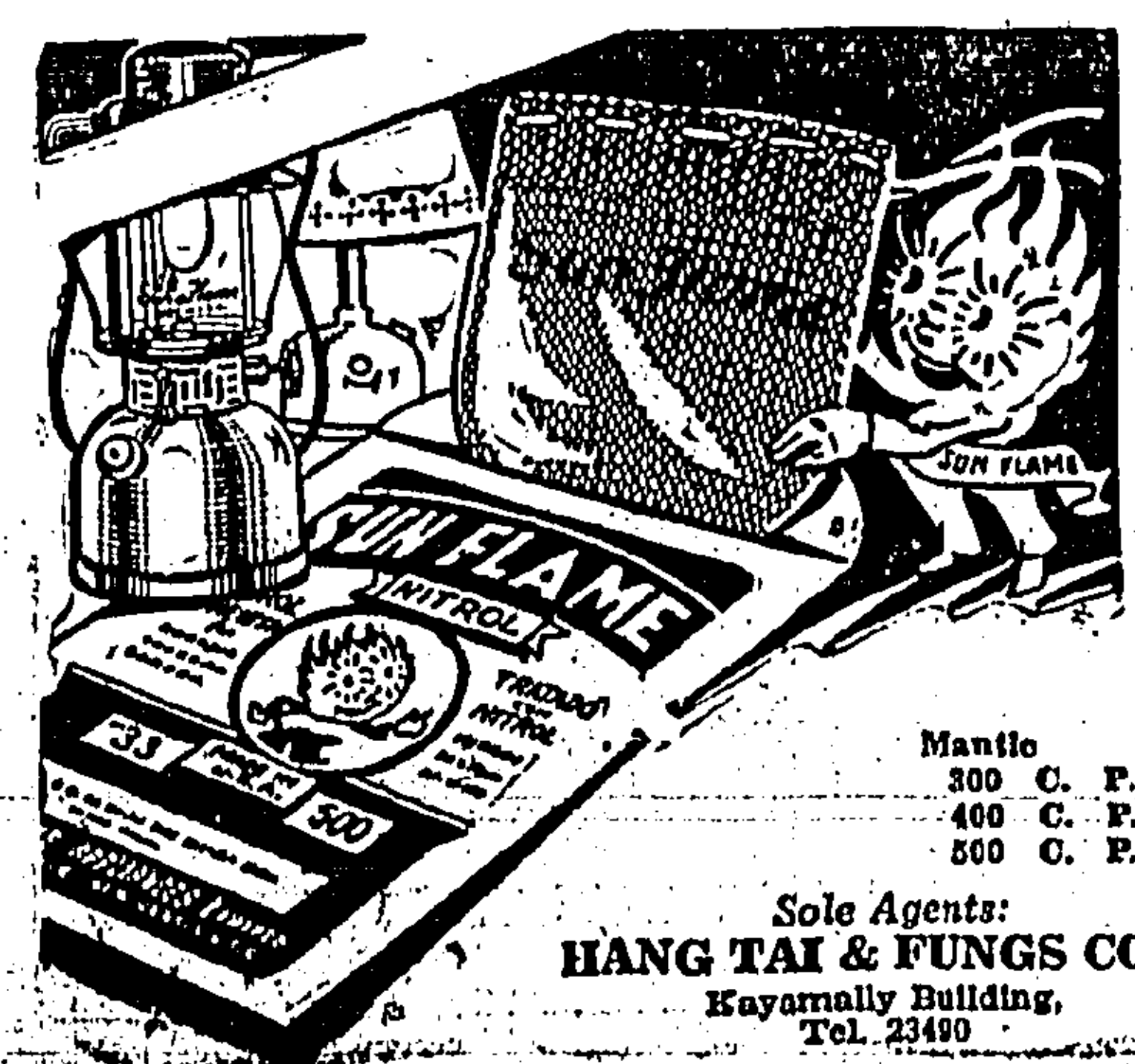
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'DRAGON BONES' MERELY ELEPHANT SKELETONS

Tokyo, December 3.

Ancient Japanese dragons probably were elephants, according to a small Nipponese professor who spends most of his time digging up bones. Dr. Kenji Kiyono says that some of the dragon bones in temples around here are elephant skeletons and nothing else.

In recent years, elephants have not been natives of Japan, but they did live here in prehistoric ages—according to Dr. Kiyono.

Modern elephant history in Japan goes back to about 1400 when a black elephant was brought in on a ship from the South. It was presented as a gift to Ashikaga Yoshimochi, the Shogun ruler of the country.

In 1575 a Chinese ship put in at a Japanese port, bringing an elephant, a tiger, some peacocks and parrots.

A pair of elephants, male and female, were brought in during the 13th year of Kyoho (1728).

Later on, because of Japanese admiration for the big creatures, so many elephants

were brought in that historians have lost count of their number.

Treasured Items

Teeth and tusks of the prehistoric elephants are treasured items. Elephant bones have always been much sought after by curio collectors. Several hundred years ago, these collectors formed a society known as the Quaint Stones Association and started an earnest search for elephant bones.

Fossilised elephant remains, according to the old time Japanese, were good for medicinal purposes. It is a matter of record that stomachache, stiff shoulders and toothache would be cured either by rubbing or stroking the affected part with a fossilised bone or by taking powdered slices of the bone.

One village in Shiga prefecture was named Ryugumura because an elephant bone was unearthed there. Ryū means dragon.

The bone was enshrined and became an object of worship for the villagers.

The man who found the bone was given the name Ryū, was made keeper of the shrine, was given a big piece of land and was exempted from taxation.

Dragons Preferred

Modern Japanese scientists, after examining the bone, said it was from an elephant of the Stegodon Species.

Dr. Kiyono said some old Japanese prints picture dragons which actually were nothing more than elephants. These prints, however, are not as numerous as those which show the conventional fiery-tongued monsters.

Perhaps old Japanese dragons were elephants, but souvenir shop operators today and American GI's would rather buy a kimono with a real Oriental dragon on it. There are no calls for elephant designs.—United Press.

Four More Germans Hanged

Landsberg, Germany, December 4.

Four more Germans were hanged by the United States army today for crimes against Allied airmen captured during the war.

They were Erich Wentzel, naval lieutenant and adjutant of a naval fleet battalion on Borkum Island in the North Sea; Hans Eichel, police director of the province of Offenbach, Germany, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; George Eckstein, medical lieutenant and high ranking officer of the people's army at Waser, Trudingen; and Josef Remmele, sergeant assigned to the Dachau concentration camp and labour service and roll call leader.

The hangings took place without incident in one hour and 10 minutes in the cold prison courtyard where numerous other Nazi war criminals had gone to their deaths.

Today's hangings wound up a series of weekly executions of Germans convicted for tortures, beatings and sadistic inhumanities by American military tribunals.

There are still something between 44 and 48 other war criminals to be hanged, but these sentences have not been approved by General Lucius D. Clay, American Commander in Germany, and no definite decision will be made until he approves.

Most were convicted by United States army tribunals on charges of maltreatment of concentration camp inmates and inhuman treatment of prisoners of war or Allied flyers shot down over Germany.

Among the inmates still held in the prison, where Adolf Hitler wrote "Mein Kampf," are another 50 men sentenced to death but whose sentences are still under review. There are also about another 100, including Ilsa Koch serving sentence of six months.—United Press.

BOAC To Cut Down On Staff

London, December 3. The British Overseas Airways Corporation, which lost over £16 million in the last two financial years, plans sweeping economies by which overseas staffs, paid in dollars, will be reduced by nearly two-thirds.

Sir Miles Thomas, Deputy Chairman of BOAC, said on landing in London today from a two weeks' tour of the Corporation's bases: "Plans are now made to reduce the BOAC dollar payroll personnel from 1,502 to fewer than 600 by March next."

He added that this would save \$3,500,000 a year "a substantial proportion of the total minimum of \$7 million we intend to save by streamlining the Atlantic Division, and shifting the aircraft maintenance stage from Dorval, in Canada, to Filton, Bristol."—Reuter.

Scientist Dies Of Injuries

Stockport, December 3.

Dr. Francis Henry Swinden Curb, aged 31, one of the team of scientists at Manchester who in 1946 discovered Paludrine, the revolutionary anti-malaria drug, has died in Stockport Infirmary from injuries received when two trains collided in the fog near Stockport Station on Tuesday night.

Dr. Curb joined the staff of Imperial Chemical Industries in 1933 after carrying out research at the London School of Hygiene and the London School of Tropical Medicine. With two of his colleagues, Dr. L. Roe and Dr. D. G. Davey, he was one of the discoverers of Paludrine, which has since been widely used and has been described as one of the greatest medical discoveries of the last 100 years.

These three scientists were recently awarded the Gold Medal of the Society of Apothecaries, the highest honour the Society can bestow, and to receive it, the youngest ever to receive it. Paludrine, which is a substance for guinea, is more powerful in its effects than quinine and less toxic. Dr. Curb leaves a widow and three young children.—Reuter.

'Revolver Pointed At Asia Peoples'

Moscow, December 4.

The Soviet Navy newspaper "Red Fleet" describes the Japanese naval base at Yokosuka as a loaded revolver aimed at the breast of Asiatic peoples by American hands.

I. Ermashov wrote in a signed editorial that the base is being rebuilt and modernised by General MacArthur for the United States Navy.

The editorial asserted that the United States occupation authorities are encouraging the resurrection of Japanese militarism and plan to use the Japanese in aggressive schemes against Asia and the Soviet Union. "Red Fleet" said the Americans, by expanding the Japanese police force, are reconstituting the Japanese army. The editorial

said the ground is being prepared to permit Japan to have naval forces.

Similar accusations were made by the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Alexander Panushkin, in October, and the State Department promptly replied that his statement is not true. Captain Benton W. Decker, the United States naval commander at Yokosuka, said the base is not being built up—just cleaned up. He said only 10 per cent of its facilities were in use.—Associated Press.

COUNT SFORZA CALLED TRAITOR IN ASSEMBLY

Rome, December 3.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies suspended its foreign affairs debate tonight.

The suspension came when the Communist Deputy, Signor Giancarlo Pajetta, ran to the Government benches shaking his fist and called a number of Italian Ministers traitors to the nation.

Among these he named was Count Carlo Sforza, the Foreign Minister. The Argentine Foreign Minister, Dr. Juan Brundage, who arrived in Rome today, saw the scene from the Chamber's public galleries.

Count Sforza told the Chamber that the only commitments undertaken by the Italian Government were two letters sent by him on August 24 and October 27 to nations associated in the Marshall Plan proposing a practical and concrete way of arriving at a European Union.

"The accusations of other commitments are lies," Count Sforza declared.

Signor Pajetta named the Minister of Defence, Signor Indolfo Pacciardo, and the Vice-Premier and Minister of Mercantile Marine, Signor Giuseppe Saragat, as traitors with Count Sforza.

Bad Faith

The President of the Chamber, Signor Giovanni Gronchi, immediately suspended the session, declaring Signor Pajetta's language was inadmissible.

The Foreign Minister, replying to critics of the Government's foreign policy, attacked those communists who praised neutrality.

He said: "The proof of their bad faith in recommending neutrality can be seen in the military situation in nations which follow the same orders as do our pseudo-pacifists."

Count Sforza said the British plan for a European Union, of which the British Ambassador in Rome, Sir Victor Mallet, had informed him two days ago, represented a contribution of the highest importance for the first phase of the projected European Union, just as the French plan was not precious but indispensable in the last phases.

Britains Praised

"I cannot but state with satisfaction the reiterated British declarations of last winter that no European Assembly was conceivable without the presence of Italy," the Foreign Minister said.

He accused the Communists of intentions detrimental to the interest of the nation and said the return of Italian refugees to Italy's former colonies was doubtful unless conditions of work were created in those colonies.—Reuter.

MPs TO WATCH GERMAN VOTING

London, December 4.

Six Members of Parliament left London today by air for Berlin to watch Sunday's municipal elections in the Western sectors. The leader of the party, Mr. H. W. Wallace (Labour) said: "We want to see that this election is carried out as fairly as in England and we shall be on the look-out for intimidation." The group includes three other Labour Members and two Conservatives.—Reuter.

Cheaper Rice Plea Ignored

Bangkok, December 4. Suggestions from abroad that Siam cut the price of rice she exports meet with no favour in Government circles here.

The Minister of Commerce, Phya Mahal Sawan, said he had heard some foreign governments were preparing to ask Siam to sell her rice more cheaply. But Siam does not plan to reduce the present price, of between £30 and £40 per ton, Phya Mahal said.

Cuts in rice prices would seriously affect Siam's public treasury.

The Government, through taxes and special duties, collects more than one-half the amount foreign purchasers pay for rice.

Phya Mahal added that the Government does not plan to increase the price of its export rice, though the demand probably will be greater next year due to anticipated reductions in shipments from Burma.—Associated Press.

Overtime On Freighters

Geneva, December 3.

Seafarers, shipowners and Government representatives on the International Labour Office Maritime Sub-committee ended here tonight a five-day private session which adopted modifications of the nine Seattle maritime conventions to speed their ratification by member Governments.

One of the main changes allows regular overtime to be worked on some ships where accommodation is insufficient to increase the number of the crew. Four of the conventions were left unchanged and slight changes were made in another four.

The convention dealing with seafarers' pensions was left untouched since the sub-committee found it would have to be completely revised.—Reuter.

COUNTERFEITS FLOOD U.S.

New York, December 4.

A flood of counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills are circulating in the United States. Government officials said the total may run into millions of dollars. Bankers said the counterfeiters were a masterful imitation.—Associated Press.

ELECTROCUTED FOR RAPE

Columbia, South Carolina, December 4.

Matthew Hamilton, 18-year-old negro, today paid with his life in the electric chair for raping a white woman. He was convicted of raping a woman near West Columbia after he and three companions had bound her with belts.—United Press.

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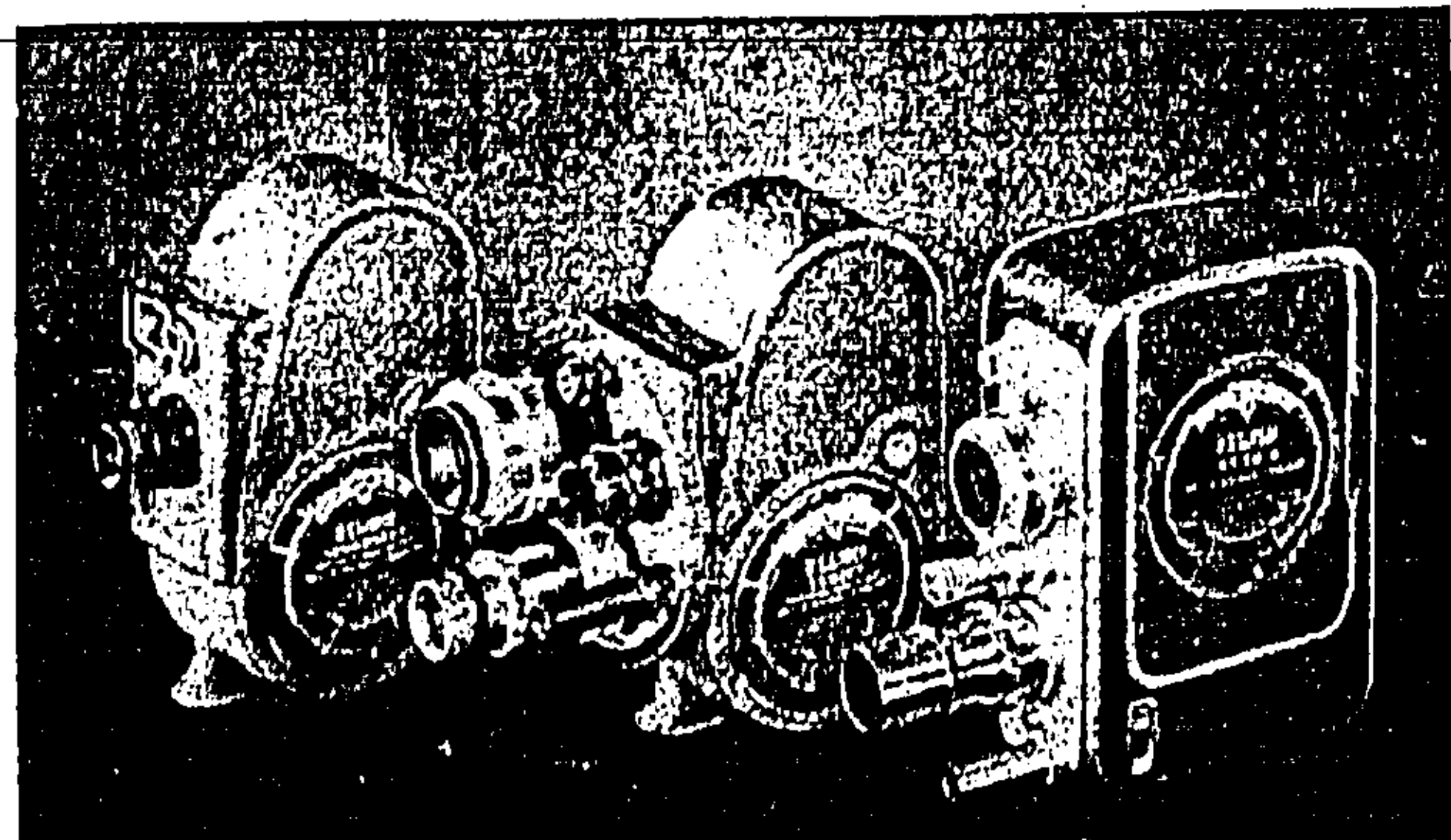


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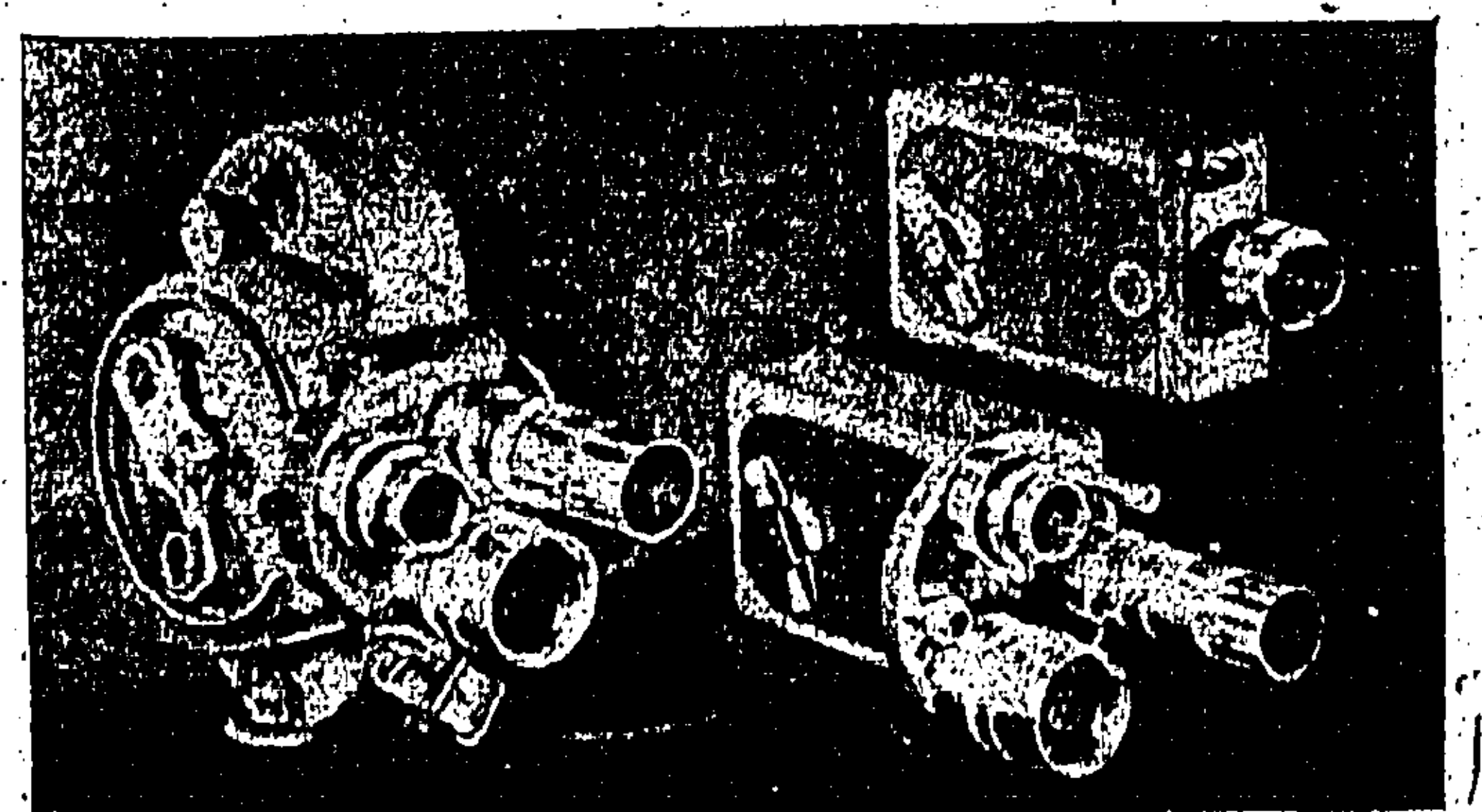
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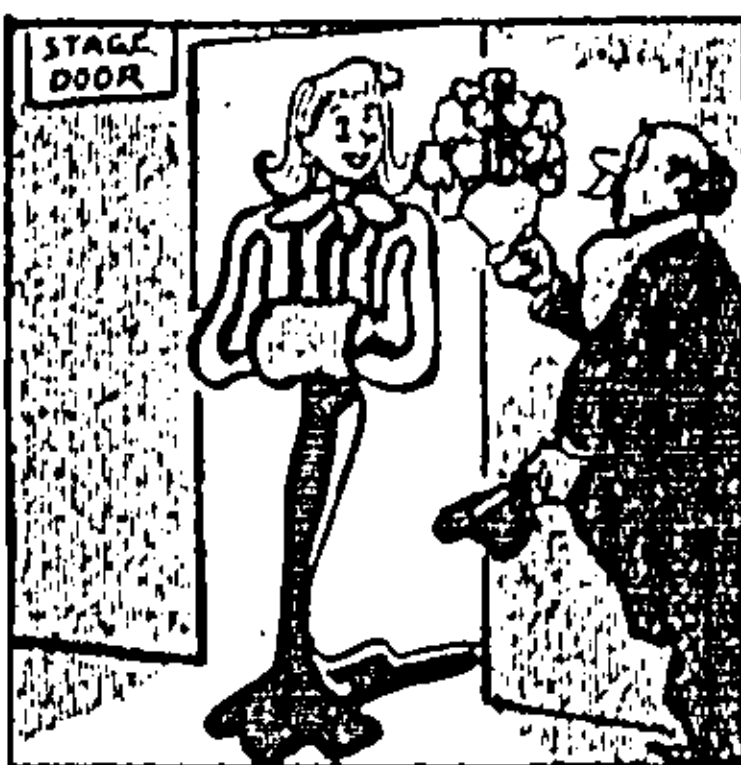
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Are the people of Great Britain and the United States aware of what their Governments are proposing to do with regard to the future of Germany?

This is the question that a man must ask himself. If he has not forgotten the history of what happened between the two world wars, and if he has recently been reminded of these happenings by reading the opening chapters of that prose epic in which Mr. Winston Churchill is to recount the whole terrible story.

Allowed The Wicked To Re-arm

The theme of his first volume has been summed up by Mr. Churchill himself in one lapidary sentence.

It is the tale of "how the English-speaking peoples, through their unwisdom, carelessness, and good nature, allowed the wicked to re-arm." Are they today proposing to repeat this ghastly error?

The British people have the shortest memories. They forgive their enemies and neglect their friends with the same light-hearted indifference.

If you were to ask the average Englishman today what he thought of the German problem he would probably reply that he didn't know there was one.

He might add that he thought the German problem was solved when Hitler was defeated, and that he supposed that all we had to do now was to build up Germany as quickly as possible in order to obtain another market for British goods.

It may be well, therefore, briefly to state the problem. Germany is an extremely modern State. The German people were

never united in one State until 77 years ago, when Bismarck, whose motto was "Blood and Iron," having won a war which he had forced on France, established Prussian supremacy over the various German States, who still retained a large measure of independence.

Born in iron, baptised in blood, Germany has held faithful to her hideous origin. Twice during her short existence, the normal life-time of a man, she has plunged the whole world into war.

The Mistake They May Repeat

She came very near to winning the first war in 1917, she came still nearer to winning the second war in 1940, and the German

By Sir DUFF COOPER

problem, stated very briefly, is: How are we to prevent her from doing it again?

The first question that may be asked is whether the Germans will want to repeat so fearful an experiment that has twice resulted in failure.

It is sometimes held down a great nation. But in the case of Germany there is fortunately a simple and efficacious method of doing so.

The Ruhr district situated on the frontier of Germany, holds everything in the way of raw materials and industries which make it possible for her to start another war.

Without the Ruhr district she is powerless for evil. With the Ruhr district under her control there is nothing to prevent her from launching another war on the world.

At this moment, before we have made a peace treaty with Germany, before her frontiers have been laid down before we have any knowledge of the kind of German Government that is to be set up, or any guarantee as to the character of the men who will control it—at this moment Great Britain and the United States are proposing to hand back to the Germans the ownership and management of the Ruhr district.

It would be hardly credible if it were not true.

Some may argue that the situation of today differs widely from that which existed between the wars—that the Germans have been humbled hit this time and that the Americans are in Europe.

War No Way to Reformation

Is there the slightest indication of any change of heart, having come over the majority of the German people? And does history contain a single instance of a whole nation changing its character for the better as the result of a war?

Are the young Germans whose fathers died in the last world war and whose grandfathers fell in the first prepared to leave them unavenged?

May they not believe that the third time is lucky, especially when they remember the gigantic political and diplomatic blunders which their Governments made, and which need not be repeated.

Is the greatest military nation of the world willing to accept two defeats as the final verdict?

Nothing is certain with regard to the future, but it must surely be admitted as likely that Germany will attempt once more to dominate the Continent.

There may be some who will say it were better to let her do so than to fight another war. But this policy of surrender, which would admit that we fought two wars in vain, and that those who died in them threw their lives away for nothing, is hardly likely to recommend itself to the more

virile sections of the English-speaking peoples on either side of the Atlantic.

Others may argue that a restored Germany, sufficiently strong to go to war again, will turn East rather than West, and will form a bulwark between the United Nations of Western Europe and the Russian menace.

But can anybody produce a single reason why Germany should do anything so stupid? Why should she turn against a lean giant from whose conquest she is bound on the other side by fat dwarfs who possess all the good things of the earth, such as rich colonies, thriving commerce, and merchant fleets?

Powerless Without The RUHR

The risk is too great. We must neither build up the power of Germany again nor must we allow her to rebuild it herself.

But how is this to be prevented? It is sometimes held down a great nation. But in the case of Germany there is fortunately a simple and efficacious method of doing so.

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L.S.D. OF AN
IRISH "SWEEP"

By JOHN HALL

There was a lot of talk about politics and patriotism, and little about pounds, when the Daily Mail in Dublin cut the last statutory link between Eire and the Commonwealth by repealing the External Relations Act—but the L.S.D. of it all was in the minds of the Irish leaders.

Britain is Eire's banker, her best customer, her "Dutch Uncle," and British taxpayers back Eire's currency. Eire's green and red Treasury notes are all "payable on demand in London."

Bulk of the overseas wealth owned by Eire citizens is invested in Britain—the Post Office savings, Government securities, and industrial stocks and shares.

That stake in Britain is valued at more than £400,000,000. It grew large during the war, when thousands of men and women from Eire came over to fight and work for Britain, but now it is shrinking.

Little Eire, too, has an overseas trade "gap," and for two years she has been dipping into capital, mostly capital over in Britain, to balance the deficit.

The "gap" worries her leaders, and her bankers say frankly that it would be calamitous if any political action should in any way disturb the delicate economic relations between Eire and "Dutch Uncle" Britain.

Money For Home

Much of the cash from abroad on which Eire so greatly depends is earned by exports of food and overseas investments, but a vital proportion of it stems from the sheer good will of her people who have emigrated but still send cheques and postal-orders to the old folks at home.

It is estimated that in Britain and other Commonwealth nations there are 3,000,000 emigrants who still call Eire home. (Eire's population at home is just under 3,000,000.)

This year Eire citizens who work in Britain have posted home remittances worth more than £6,500,000 (another £3,250,000 came in remittances from the United States).

RIC. Pensions

This year British Government departments have sent to Eire nearly £4,000,000 in pensions and allowances to old-timers of the Royal Irish Constabulary and other services dating back to the pre-1922 break.

This year 1,000,000 British tourists have visited Eire and in glad return for man-sized steaks, cigarettes at 1s. 8d. for 20, and acres of unrationed clothing have left behind at estimated \$25,000,000.

How much cash British punters have sent to Eire by way of Irish Sweep has to be a guess. Officially Britons are banned from buying tickets in the Sweep, and officially no one in Dublin will discuss how much money "leaks" through from Britain. But it runs into hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. "Subscriptions" for this year's Derby Sweep topped £1,000,000, and a large slice of that was subscribed by British punters.

Britain provides employment for thousands of men and women from Eire, is her chief supplier, and her best customer.

Eire's bill for imports in August this year totalled £9,452,293 and of this total £4,820,574 worth came from Britain and another £1,500,000 worth from other countries of the Commonwealth.

In the same month Eire's exports were valued at £3,033,138, and of that total Britain and Northern Ireland bought £3,117,070 worth—mostly food for British breakfast tables, but close on £500,000 worth for racehorses and greyhounds which we do not eat.

The Trade Gap

Strik from those import-export figures stands out Eire's trade "gap." Last year it was £91,000,000 wide, and even after offsetting against it investment income and remittances from abroad and tourist receipts—all economists calculated that the country had to use up more than £30,000,000 of its overseas capital to square accounts.

Later the "gap" has been narrowed, but it is still running dangerously wide for a little country that depends for a sizeable proportion of its overseas income on sheer good will.

Focus of the Dublin warnings and exhortations about the "gap" is the need to increase exports to Britain.

Through Irish Eyes

For the extra millions of eggs, the butter, the meat, and the poultry, and all the extra food that is moving across the Irish Sea, everyone in Britain is truly thankful. At the same time it puzzles commercial men in Eire that in face of their monumental dependence upon Britain the Eireann leaders should contemplate any political move that might affect economic relations with the "Dutch Uncle" across the sea.

But here you have the Irish of it: as a great many citizens in Eire see the picture from the other side of the Irish Sea, we in Britain are vitally dependent upon Eire—for food supplies and as a customer for British goods.

They also see Eire as a handy outlet where miserly-ridden Britons can slip over for a festive holiday and buy "British-made" goods off ration, at prices cheaper than they can get them at home.

More important, they see no reason why a break of slender family ties should have the slightest effect on all this trade and good will.

Last Word On Ruhr

Washington, December 3. France told the United States today that it would not yield to the American and British proposals for German control of the Ruhr coal and steel industries.

The French Ambassador, M. Henri Bonnet, delivered a note to the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, stating the French position.

M. Bonnet told reporters the United States and British plan would be window-dressing, pure window-dressing.

France wants the Allies to keep strong control over the Ruhr to prevent resurgence of German military might.

The American-British plan would put the Ruhr into the hands of German trustees and would allow the eventual German government to determine final ownership.—United Press.

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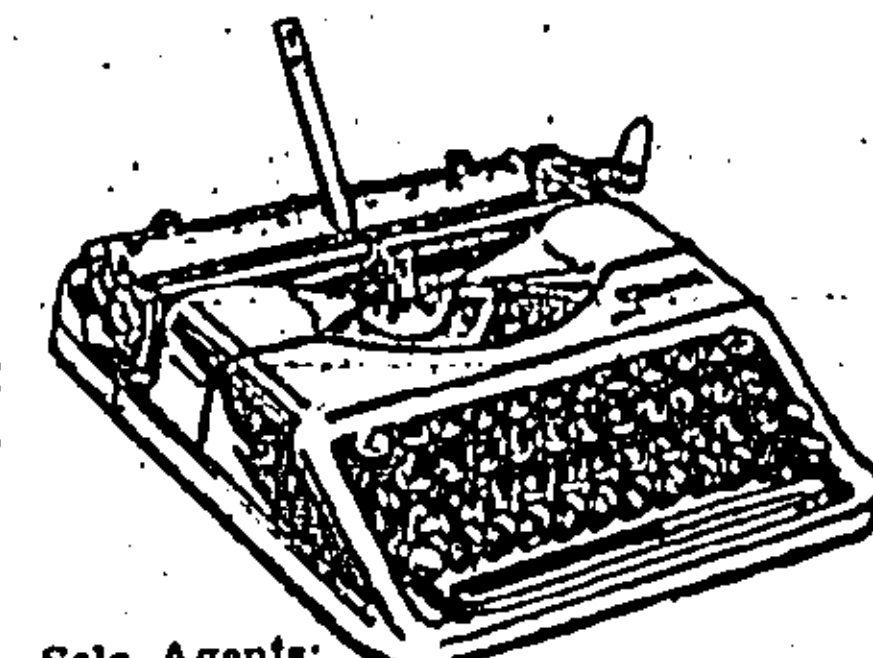
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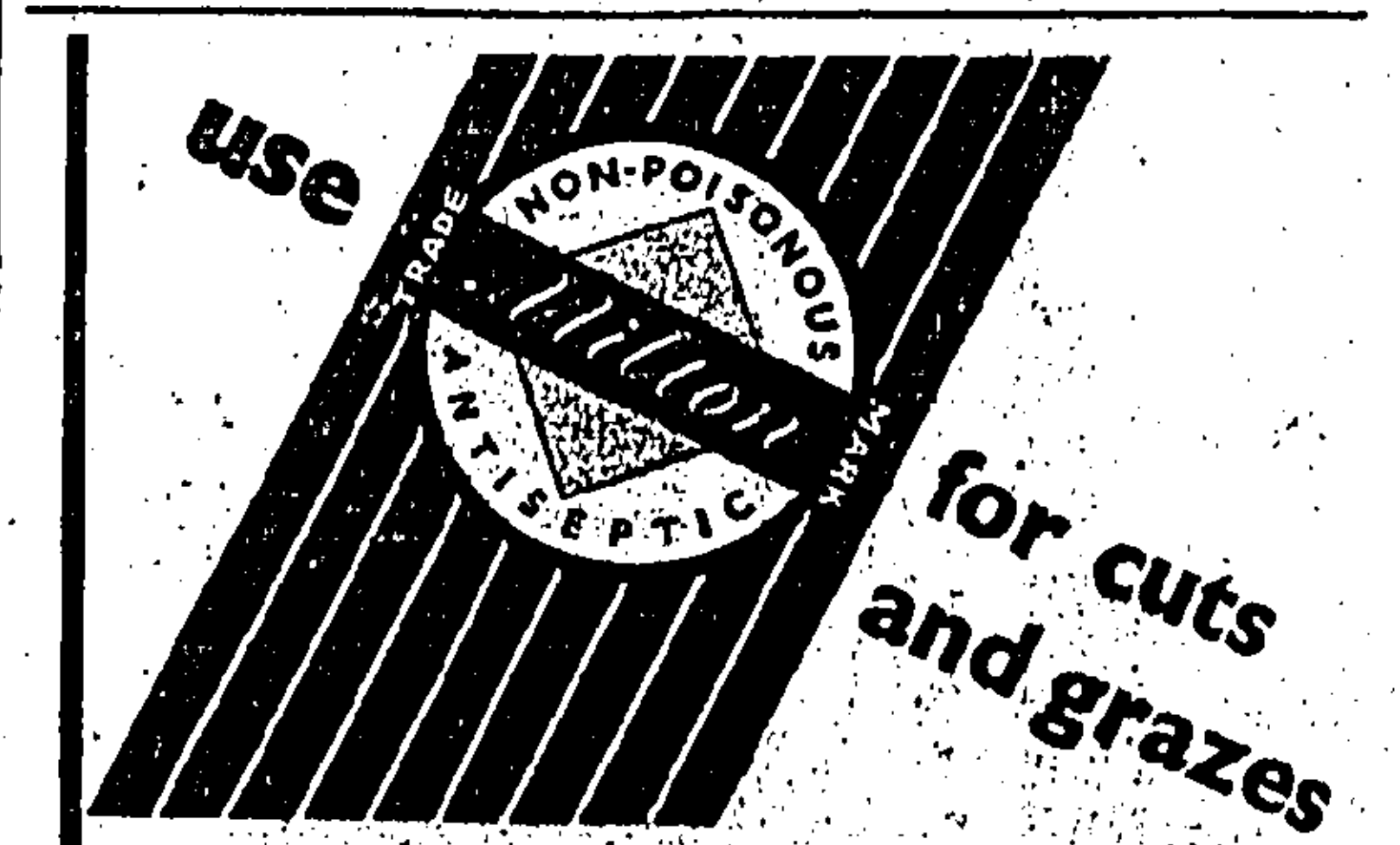
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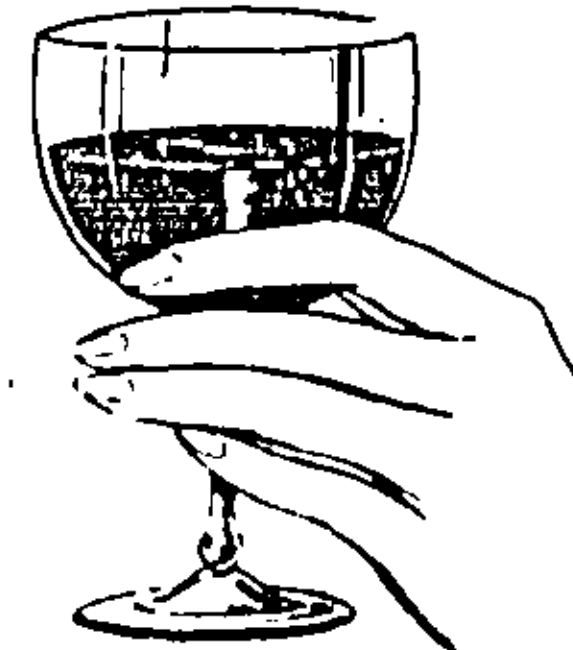


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WHY I STILL SAY BRITISH EMPIRE

A "NEW LOOK" cannot be understood unless we have some recollection of the "old look." This valuation of most things is a matter of comparison. I will therefore begin with a little history.

Originally the British Empire grew almost by inadvertence. It cannot be said that we began by being very Empire-minded. Great explorers and navigators, sometimes with little encouragement, found new lands, and planters and merchants colonised them.

When we lost the American colonies, largely because we did not understand that our own people in distant places inherited some strong traditions, there was for some time a feeling of hostility to the establishment of any new ones.

It was not until the nineteenth century that the Empire notion really took hold.

Australia was settled, and its communities grew into self-government. Canada became a Federation incorporating French Canada. The South African colonies flourished. In India and the Far East, British rule and administration not only did a great deal for the development of trade and transport and health and engineering services, but awakened in the British people a new pride and responsibility.

Great Century

It was a century of immense British industrial activity and overseas trade. It was the great century of British naval power and world authority. At its close the word "Empire" had come to indicate a pride and strength with a hint of boastfulness which was corrected by an unhappy conflict with the Dutch settlers of South Africa.

By the time the first World War had been won a new conception had come into existence. It was not only new but it was inevitable, for the colonies had grown up and fought as equals. The new Dominion status was established.

The self-governing Dominions of this Commonwealth were described in 1926 in the Balfour formula in these words:

"They are autonomous communities within the British Empire, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

I have emphasised certain words which are occasionally forgotten. Since then there has been another and vaster war followed by the independence of India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma and the declared intention of Eire to sever the last links that bind it to the British Crown.

There has also been, quite recently, a conference of Empire Prime Ministers from which has emerged a statement understood to mean that "the British Commonwealth" is in the future to be styled "the Commonwealth" and that a committee of experts is to investigate the possibility of a new formula which will include in the Commonwealth of Nations a possible Irish Republic and a possible Indian Republic.

The development of the British relationship is, of course, something which we must recognise as dynamic and not static. We must not close our minds to new ideas just because they are new. These latest proposals admit of different opinions, and I beg the British people to think carefully before they form their own.

Even if, in the best tradition of our race, we take only one step at a time let us see that it is a step in a direction which we understand and of which we really approve.

Nobody desires more than I to safeguard the welfare of those Dominions who seek new forms of allegiance, who feel unable to accept the Crown but who are quite prepared to retain a special and friendly relationship with us.

Friendly Alliance

SUCH a relationship is precious. But its preservation, so much to be desired, does not solve our immediate problem. We must still adopt one of two broad views.

The first is that the only thing that matters is practical co-operation of a friendly kind and that whatever tends to assist such co-operation must be automatically approved. Mr. Nehru and Mr. Chifley have recently said applauding things along these lines.

The view is attractive. It can be expressed in the proposition that, as the Commonwealth is no longer British (with that word's suggestion of national unity) and no longer based on a common allegiance to a common Crown, everybody, Republicans or Monarchists, should be free to join or to remain.

In brief, this conception is not that of a Crown Commonwealth, a family of nations, groups of peoples owing a common allegiance to one King; it is that

of a friendly alliance of independent nations who think along similar lines and who have a mutual desire for peace.

The second view is that of myself and doubtless of many millions of His Majesty's subjects. It is that a common allegiance to the Crown is vital to a really organic Commonwealth structure.

Leader of His Majesty's Opposition.

Those who think that the Crown can be struck out of the British Commonwealth or made meaningless by the subtlety of some draftsman have failed to understand that without our common allegiance to the Crown there would be nothing but old memories and present friendships—admirable in their way but in the nature of men and nations, temporary.

Basic Error

THE relationship between parents and brothers and sisters is more than one of friendship; it is more than partnership. It will survive shocks and difficulties which would wreck a less deep-seated and instinctive unity. That is why I believe the announced search for a formula which would enable some members of the Commonwealth to strike away allegiance to the Crown, to become independent Republics and yet to retain their membership is a dangerous one.

The plain fact is that the word "British" has been suppressed to please those who assert that they are not British; just the proposed formula is designed to accommodate those who want to renounce their former allegiance to the Crown.

Let us make special arrangements with new Republics by all means. Let us, for that matter, grow closer and closer to the sister Republic of the United States of America. I am all for alliances and pacts of friendship between the peace-loving Powers of the world, though a genuine and deep-seated sense of mutual interest in preserving the really good things of life would be more basic and, in the long run, more significant.

But the world will find that it has lost a precious element if it comes about that the old British Empire at last fades into a group of friendly but utterly independent Powers not connected by any structural bond, being no longer one Power, which has found strength in unity but several Powers.

Loyal To Crown

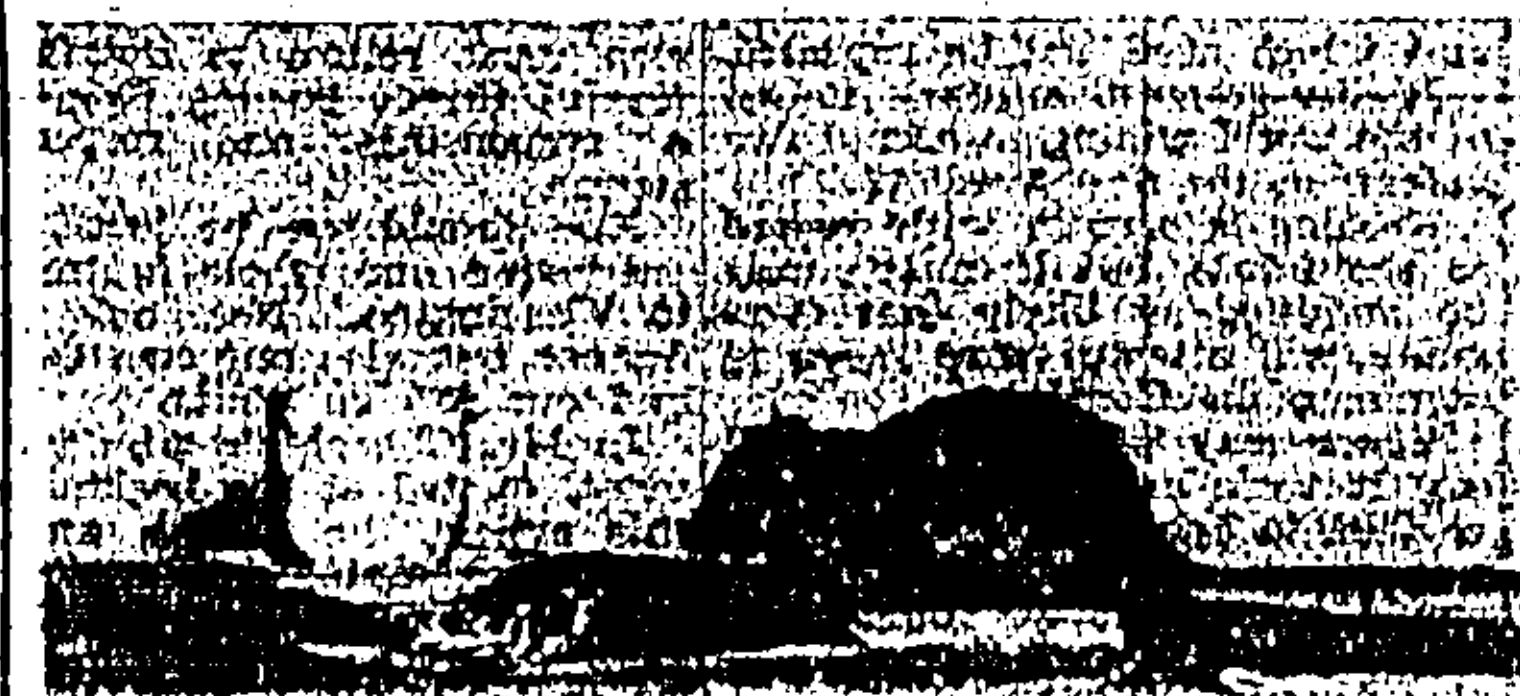
IT is the King who, under advice, makes peace and war. The King's writ issues from scores of courts of judicature thousands of miles from London. It is to the King's Privy Council that important legal appeals go from all over the British world.

When a Dominion's Government dissolves Parliament he is doing so in exercise of the Royal prerogative delegated to him. When a new Member is elected to a Parliament in a remote state of Australia, his first action is to swear allegiance to His Majesty the King.

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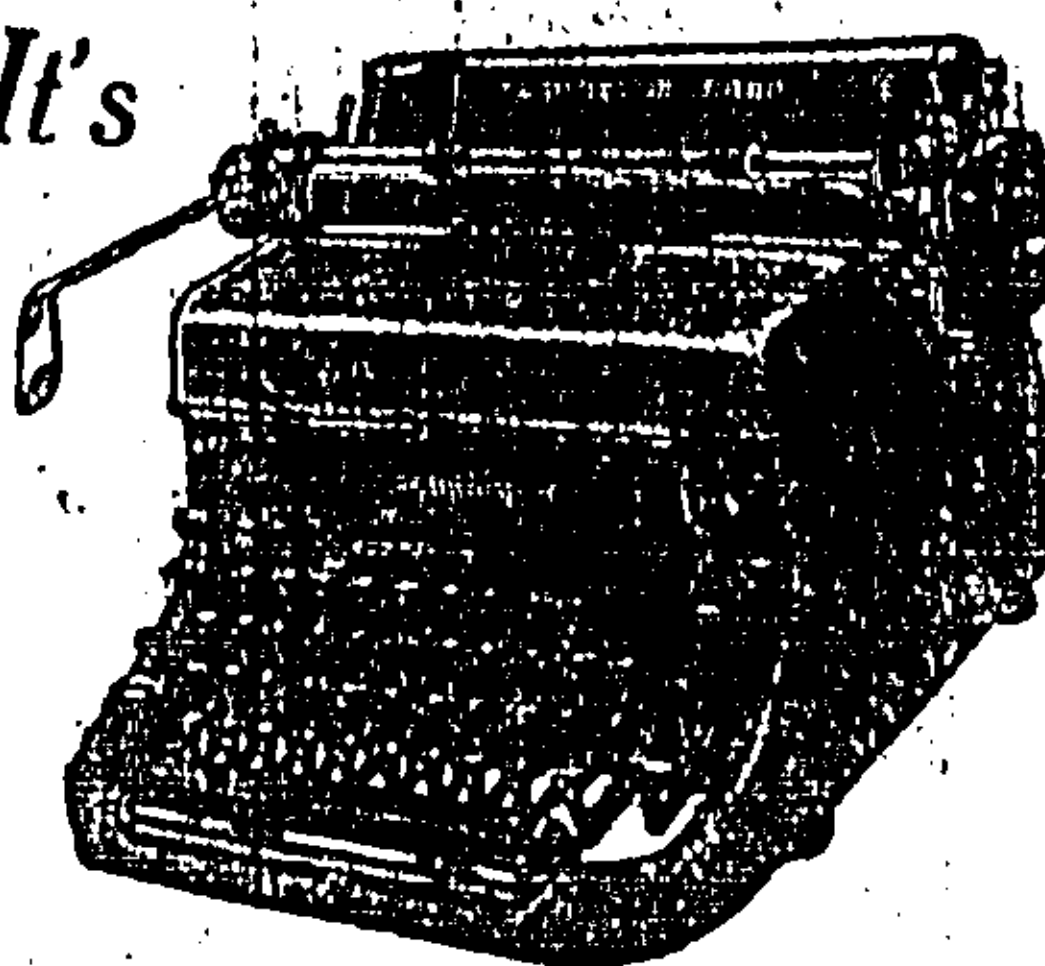
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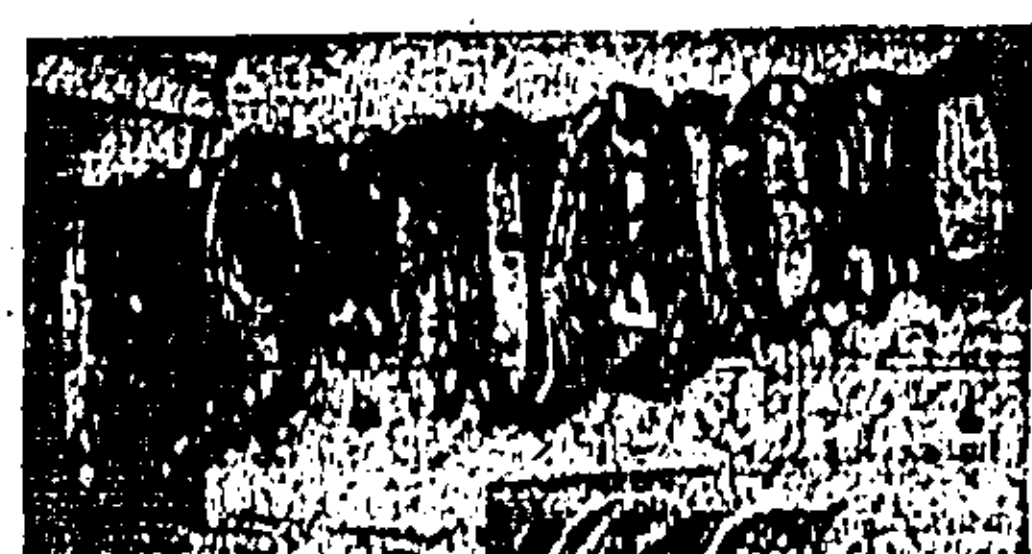
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PEIPING AWAITS REDS IN A RESIGNED MOOD

Peiping, December 4.

Peiping awaits the Chinese Communists with an air of resignation. There seems little doubt in the minds of Chinese and foreigners here that the Reds are coming; the question is not "If" but "When."

The city itself is calm. In startling contrast to Shanghai and Nanking, which have none of the quiet tranquillity of this Mongol and Chinese-built pride of a tottering nation.

Part of that calmness probably arises out of Peiping itself—the city which all China feels should always be spared. Almost 2,000,000 residents here believe the Reds feel the same way.

Another part of the calmness seems to come from the belief that it is now too late to flee. Perhaps, strangely, this belief has not given rise to any evidence of desperation except in hurried flight of those who feel they are high on the Red black list.

Red Sympathisers

The City and Government officials talk guardedly about Reds, who are known to have some sympathisers here. No one wants to chance rousing the displeasure of the coming invader.

An ivory merchant admitted glumly, "We are all worried but what can we do?"

Centuring toward his stock of carved figures he said wryly "I cannot sell these to the Communists."

One minor Government official said he was surprised by the number of Americans who had left Peiping in such haste.

He did not discuss the diplomatic difficulties which might result if the Reds captured the huge lot of Americans, including Army people here.

Pedical boys and merchants reflect the same feeling but it does not alter their relations with those Americans remaining.

Few Soldiers

Three U.S. Air Force sergeants, eating leisurely at the Wagon-Lits Hotel and discussing the Rose Bowl game, were almost engulfed by service from smiling waiters.

Few Chinese soldiers are on the streets compared to Shanghai, Nanking and Haichow. They seem well dressed, well fed and in good spirits.

About one company encamped on the grounds of the Temple of Heaven looked as if the light for Peiping was their last concern.—Associated Press

KG-12 Substitute For Normal Food

Oslo, December 4.

Norwegian scientists in co-operation with the Royal Norwegian Air Force and the Norwegian Aero-medical Institute have been experimenting with a new brand of artificial nutrition.

It is expected to be of great importance as emergency supplies especially for survivors of shipwrecks and air crashes in remote areas of the world.

The Air Force has just concluded an interesting experiment with the new stuff. Two teams spent several days on a raft in the Oslo Fjord—one team equipped with ordinary concentrated food tablets of foreign production and the other with the Norwegian KG-12 liquid. After two days the tablet team had consumed half of its stores while the KG-12 team had five-sixths of their liquid left.

Next day the tablet team was rather weak, all the tablets were gone, and only some water was left, and they would have been starved to death in days.

The KG-12 team on the other hand, was in excellent condition but for some thirst, and it is beyond doubt that the team would have been able to survive for several days more.

At an earlier stage of the KG-12 experiments Norwegian soldiers carried out their ordinary routine jobs without any other nutrition than the KG-12.

and an athlete participated in a Light Athletics Association's badge after three days with KG-12 as the only food.

The first scientific report on the new preparation will be published in the Norwegian Medical Journal in the near future.—United Press.

UN SHELVES ISRAEL'S MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

Paris, December 3.

The Security Council Membership Committee today shelved Israel's application for membership to the United Nations until the Political Committee had finished discussing Palestine.

The British delegate, Mr. Valentine Lawford, urged that consideration of the application be postponed until much later.

A number of other delegates thought the subject should be discussed again either tomorrow or on Monday.

The United States delegate, Mr. J. Rose, pleaded for quick action so that Israel might be admitted before the end of this session.

The Soviet delegate said there was no need to wait until the Political Committee had taken a decision.

The Political Committee, he stated, was merely discussing Israel's ultimate boundaries, a point which did not have to be decided in order to approve the application.

The Committee then adjourned and will be re-convened either tomorrow or Monday.—Reuter.

Six Executed In Peiping

Peiping, December 4.

Six persons sentenced to death by a military court were executed on the Bridge of Heaven, the wide plaza which connects two of the most famous spots in Peiping, the Temple of Heaven and the Altar of Heaven.

Three had been sentenced as Communist spies and the other three for armed robbery.

The executions were the largest number in a single day here since Japan's collapse.

They followed the North China commander general Eu Tso-yi's, recent threat of severe punishment for anyone found working for the Reds or disturbing the peace.—Associated Press.

Ex-Minister Is Dead

Johannesburg, December 3.

The death of Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr, former South African Minister of Finance, was announced today. Mr. Hofmeyr was Minister of Finance from 1939 until last January when General Jan Smuts, in a reshuffle of his Cabinet, appointed him Deputy Premier and Minister for Mines and Education.

He resigned after the defeat of General Smuts' United Party in the general elections last May.

Mr. Hofmeyr held Liberal views, strengthened by strong religious convictions, and often disagreed with his colleagues in the Cabinet over the native question.

He consistently championed native aspirations and in 1930, while a member of the Cabinet, he had voted against a Government bill which proposed the abolition of the native franchise in Cape Province.

In 1936, he went to India at the head of a South African delegation.—Reuter.

Malan Going Ahead On Colour Problem

Capetown, December 3.

The Union Government would have to carry through its policy of separate representation for coloured peoples and the abolition of native representation in the Assembly, Dr. Daniel Malan, the South African Prime Minister, said today.

Commenting on the statement made two days ago by Dr. Nicholas Havenga, Minister of Finance and leader of the Afrikaner Party, that it would be undesirable and dangerous to force a decision on the Union's colour problems without due regard to a clear-cut expression of the will of the people, Dr. Malan said neither Dr. Havenga nor anyone else need have any doubt about the legal position.

The legal position on the Constitution had been thoroughly investigated during the Parliamentary recess.

There were no restrictions on amending the Constitution by a simple majority, the Prime Minister declared. Dr. Havenga's statement about the entrenched clauses of the Constitution had caused considerable confusion and concern among the Nationalists.

It was being asked to what extent the Government still had any chance of carrying out the colour policy on which it had received a mandate from the people, and what should be done now.

Legality Clear

At present the coloured people in the Union vote with the Europeans, and the Africans directly elect three Europeans as their representatives in the Assembly.

The entrenched clauses, safeguarding European language rights and the franchise rights of the coloured and native voters in the Cape Province, provide that any alterations can be made only by a two-thirds vote majority of both Houses of Parliament.

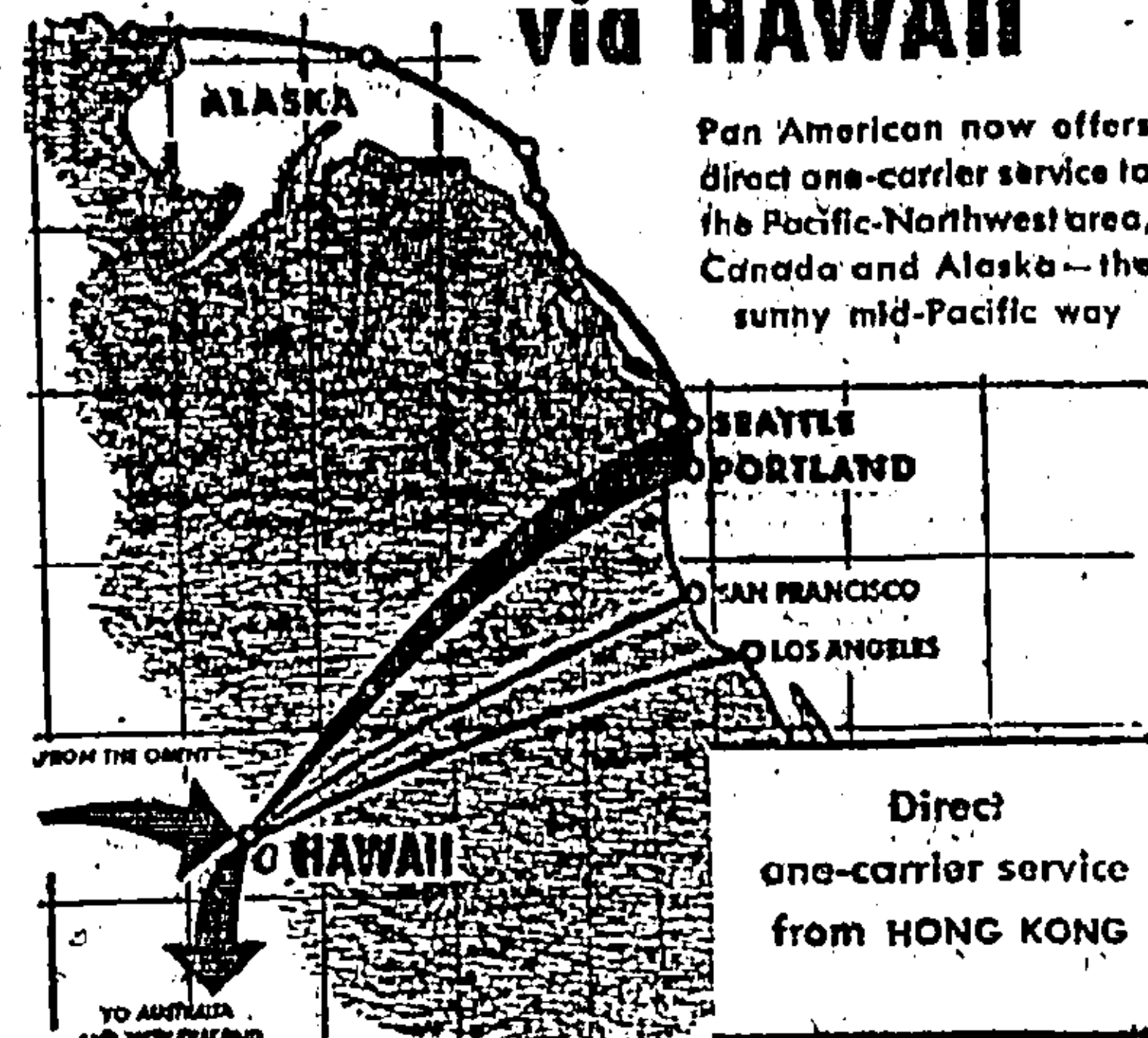
Dr. Malan said it seemed clear that Dr. Havenga made his statement largely conditional on the legality of the entrenched clauses.

He added: "On the legal issue, neither Dr. Havenga nor anyone else need have any further fear. I am able to state that all doubt has been removed authoritatively."

"The sovereignty which was previously vested in the British Parliament to maintain the South Africa Act with its restrictive clauses or to amend or repeal by a simple majority, is now vested without restriction in the Union Parliament."—Reuter.

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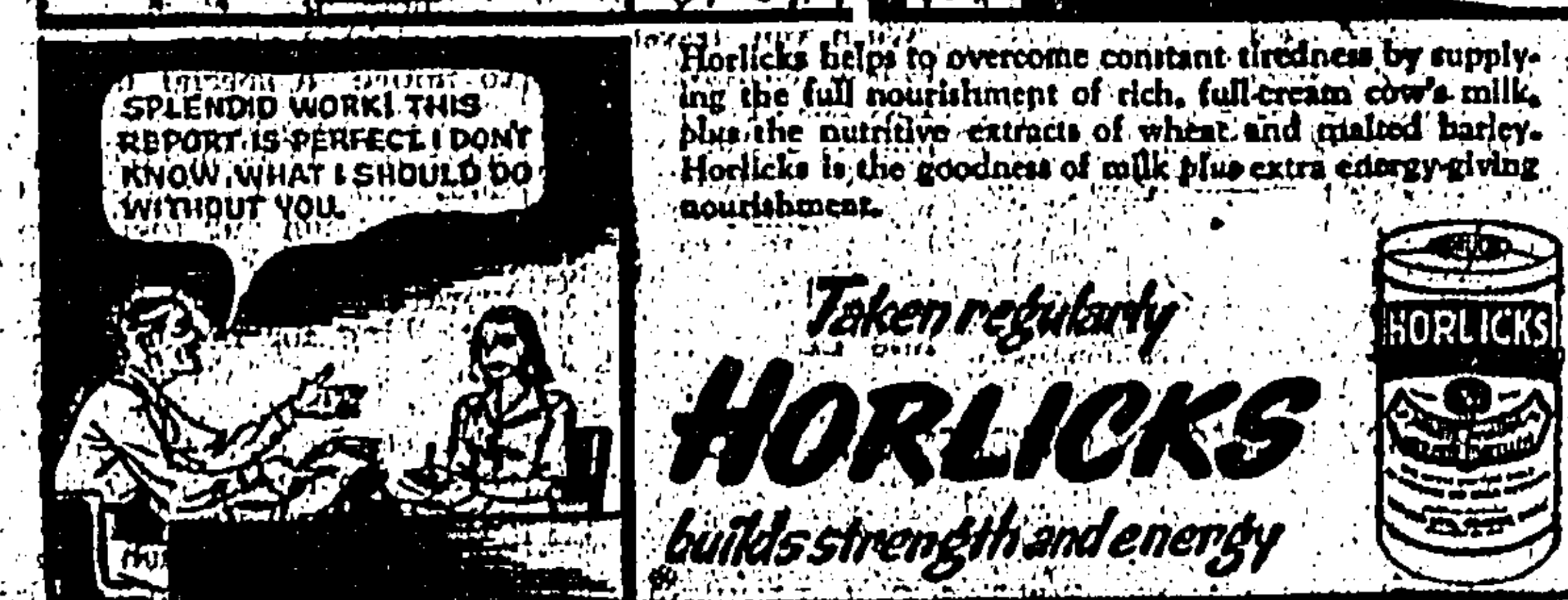
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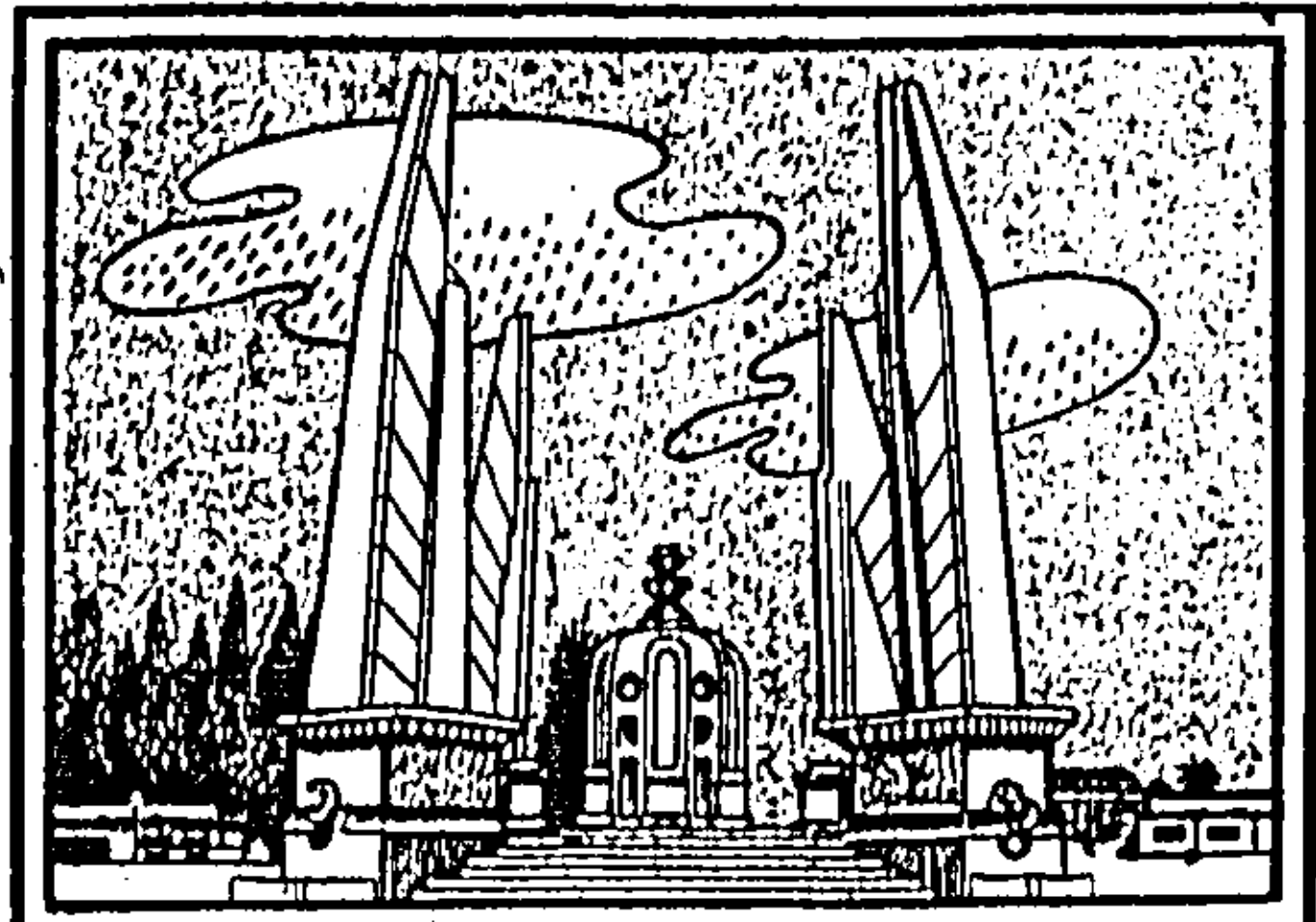


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DOCUMENTS

The latest volume of "Documents on British Foreign Policy" from the Foreign Office archives in a inter-war period covers roughly the first half of 1932. It is a disheartening record but one on which, in the main, there is not much in Europe—with which to reproach British Governments. The world was in the depths of the great depression; the reparations system had broken down; the Nazis were rising in strength in Germany with its six million unemployed; the Disarmament Conference was starting its ill-fated career. We can see from these documents what a heavy responsibility for the political weakening of Europe was borne by France, which, apparently secure behind her old reserves, stood out obstinately for German reparations that could not possibly be paid. The British case was that reparations must be completely cancelled; only when that was done could we hope for relief from our onerous payments to the United States and could Brüning be strengthened in Germany. But Laval and Flandin, sheltering behind the instabilities of French politics, insisted on keeping up the farce. The Lausanne conference was postponed for six months at their insistence, but not without some sharp bickering between Whitehall and the slippery Laval. Most of the French Ministers were ready to admit in private that reparations were dead but pleaded that "French opinion had not realised the situation" and "must be educated." The process was distressingly slow; and even when Herriot came in there was the same lack of realism. Meanwhile in Germany things went from bad to worse. The senile Hindenburg dismissed Brüning, Papen took over, and the plunge towards Hitler went forward. Sir Horace Rumbold's admirable dispatches from Berlin were full of enlightenment on German political currents, especially on the blindness of some generals and industrialists. Whether the Western Powers could have done more, had France been willing, to help Brüning and stave off Hitler remains in doubt. Probably all would have been the same in the end. But the records are painful reading.

Free Port

Certain categories of sailors from various seaports of the world are said to be swarming aboard Britain-bound vessels—in search of free false teeth and spectacles. The word has gone round the bars of Georgetown and Lisbon and Hong Kong that Britain has an excellent free State medical service and that a foreign seaman, or any alien for that matter, is entitled to participate. Mr. Revan was questioned on this the other day in the House of Commons; he had not heard the rumours but was sceptical of Viscount Hinchinbrooke's report that Lascars are peddling their false teeth and spectacles. As a nation Britons are inclined to be suspicious of foreigners; unless careful the toothless Frenchman or the near-sighted Greek is going to notice a special lack of welcome at the ports. "I suppose," officials will ask him, "that you have come to batten upon our teeth and spectacles?" In an unkind world people do not often get something for nothing, and one has a certain sympathy for the foreign sailor. But what can be done to stop this threat to stock of British porcelain and glass? Is it a matter for the British Council? An appeal might be made to masters of foreign ships to observe a quota of toothless sailors. At all events, the Ministry of Health has a new problem on

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THE WAR IN COLD STORAGE

Buck in Britain after three years studying the German picture, I wonder how many of the British people realise that there is another war in cold storage in Berlin.

The capital of Germany, with its British, American and French families and garrison forces and its population of 3,000,000 Germans, has now been blockaded for five months by the Russians.

Marshal Sokolovky shut the road and railway on June 19. He is prepared to keep up that blockade. He is letting General Winter take command.

A Berlin winter can be very hard indeed. I remember skating in April two years ago on the White Club tennis courts. I took a few turns with General Sir Brian Robertson, the Military Governor, who has always kept his judgment measured and eminently fair to both Russians and Germans. "A crisis? There will always be a crisis in Germany," of one sort or another," he remarked. But when Sokolovky cut his communications with the West, that was the big crisis.

Robertson suspected that it would happen; he had neither the power nor the authority to do anything to prevent it, so he and General Lucius Clay, the American military governor, got together with their air advisers and invented the air-lift.

And that has prolonged the crisis from that day to this. It has grown so big that war and peace are inseparably linked to the Berlin blockade.

Can we hold out? The air-lift can supply all 2,200,000 Berliners in the Western sectors with their food ration and even increase it a little. It cannot bring them fuel. It cannot save hundreds of Berlin firms from certain bankruptcy.

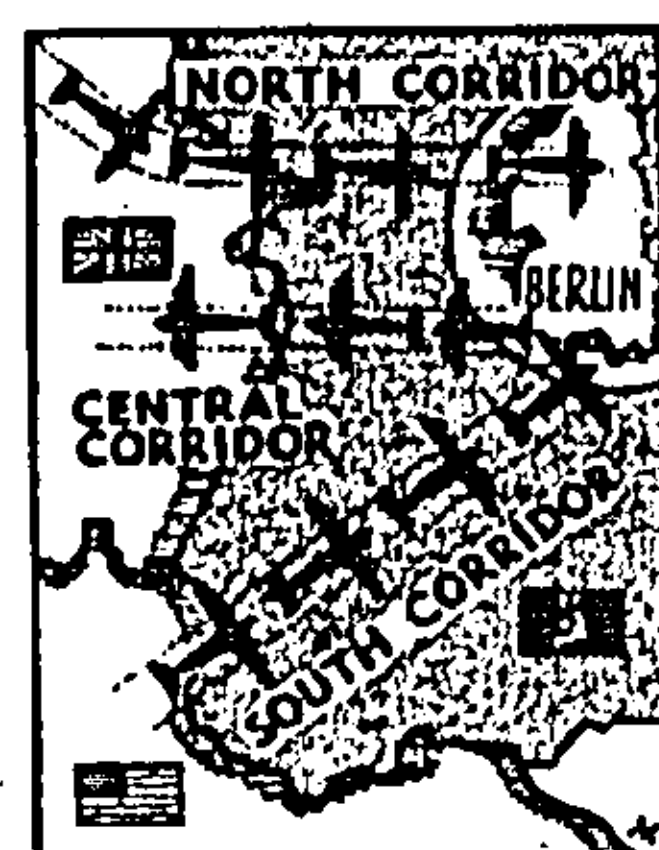
The trees of Berlin are being felled. Pine and oak, green and full of sap, are crashing down in avenues and gardens. They will never burn this winter. There is not enough kindling to fire green wood.

Empty Homes

This winter frost will creep into pipes, eisters and damp walls and cause Hitler's disastrous disquisitions. The weather is mild still, but frosts will

put the Berliners back to the hardships of winter, 1945. Many German and Allied families have left or been posted to other parts of Germany. This city has more spacious flats and houses unoccupied than any in Europe.

This British do not publish the detailed tonnage of supplies flown in because they hope to keep the



The air lift can supply Berlin with food—but not fuel.

Russians guessing. The Americans publish statistics, but that doesn't stop people guessing.

Of course, Berliners can hold out this winter, but the cost and deterioration will be enormous! Most important of all, they must know that there is to be an end to their suffering!

If General Robertson had been given a free hand and a few more cards to play, maybe the blockade of Berlin would never have been imposed, and the Russians contented themselves with obstructionist tactics this year.

No Aces Yet

"Now it is a question of prestige," a German professor who has studied Russia all his life tells me. "You cannot leave Berlin without losing Western Germany. The Soviets, if they relax their blockade, will begin to lose their grip on Eastern Europe."

So far the only cards we have played against Sokolovky have been jacks and tens. We have stopped interzonal trade, and that hit the downtrodden Germans of the Soviet zone harder than it hit the Russians.

Then we stopped international trade with the Soviet zone, cutting off Switzerland and Italy from the industrial areas of Saxony. Sokolovky sent his agents to Switzerland and Italy to arrange loophole trading.

The Kiel Canal, the Baltic Sound, the Straits of Gibraltar, those are the big and dangerous cards. Field-Marshal Montgomery has been discussing Western defence with the British, American and French military governors. He does not want reprisals to be hurried.

Rhine Army, the force that went from Normandy to Berlin, has dwindled to no more than a training force for national conscripts.

Sokolovky has not been so improvident in his defences. Apart from the 300,000 soldiers and the 150,000 air personnel of his occupation forces, he has allowed a new German army to be built up.

At present it consists of only 70,000 Field police under basic military training. They are armed with light automatic weapons, mortars and armoured cars. General Clay has reported that the Soviet target for this German task force is 400,000 men.

Mukden Again? It is controlled by General Vincent Mueller, an officer of the German General Staff who was captured at Stalingrad with Field-Marshal Paulus.

Mueller, a man of great ambitions, worked under General von Schleicher in the thirties for a German-Soviet policy of military understanding. Hitler passed him over.

There is no doubt to my mind that unless we can unite Western Europe quickly the fate of Mukden is intended for Berlin. With France torn in two and Western Germany unarmed, aggression in Europe is restrained by five threats only.

Flying into winter mists over the treetops of Gatow Airport with a light "Zivko" biplane, I look back on the shattered spires of Berlin, its lakes and thinning trees.

The citizens of Berlin, Allied and German alike, are making a great stand. They have a right to know that we mean to prevent the Communists making another China of Europe.

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LAST ACT IN INDO-CHINA

By Andrew Roth

The final curtain is about to fall on Indo-China. Every one seems sure of that but the French.

France has failed to retake the land militarily from the Vietnamese guerrillas. It has failed—through one of the grossest political blunders in colonial history—to make any political headway. Now the climax, during which France will lose its expensively-bought beachheads on the Indo-China coast, seems on hand. The timing depends on when the Chinese Communists reach the Indo-China border, already held on this side mostly by Communist-led Vietnamese guerrillas.

Viet Nam is likely to receive the impact of a Chinese Communist victory before Burma, which also borders on China, but whose border is peopled by warlike but strongly anti-Communist tribespeople.

Shrewd observers think it would take from three to six months for the guerrillas to throw the French completely out of Viet Nam, if they receive some artillery, explosives and other technical assistance from the Chinese Communists. If France does not get substantial American or British military aid, the Ho Chi Minh government is likely to be cool about accepting the help of Chinese troops, however, because the last Chinese troops in Northern Viet Nam in 1945-46 secured the country like a plague of locusts. Furthermore, the Vietnamese resistance leaders think they have enough forces to turn the trick. The biggest battle—if the French decide to fight for it—is likely to be for Saigon, with the Vietnamese presumably co-ordinating an attack from without with an uprising from within.

Republican Hold

At present the Viet Nam Republic—with about 150,000 full-time regular troops and about 300,000 partisans—already holds about 80 per cent of the three provinces (Tonkin, Annam, Cochinchina) which make up Viet Nam. The French—with about 120,000 troops—hold only big cities like Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi and several other fortified points. The roads in between are traversable only by day and in convoy.

The situation in the adjacent puppet kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia (Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia) is more equal. The French are in control of the puppet monarchs in the capitals but about 2,000 "Free Lao" guerrillas and 5,000 "Free Cambodian" guerrillas make their position somewhat precarious.

In recent months the Vietnamese guerrillas have concentrated their attacks on economic objectives. A Chinese cloth mill near Saigon which agreed to produce for the French Army was a Swedish vessel proceeding up the river to Saigon was machine-gunned, subsequently harbour traffic dropped 40 per cent. They have destroyed more than 120 junks loaded with rice, a considerable number of rice mills and tanneries near Saigon. In one night on a plantation three miles from a French military post, guerrillas put out of commission 20,000 rubber trees. Heavily-guarded rubber depots in the centre of Saigon have gone up in smoke with amazing regularity. A great railway bridge only seven miles from Saigon was blown with great precision by a railway engineer with the Ho Chi Minh forces. A temporary replacement

was built, only to be destroyed in two days.

Fine Organisers

Shrewd observers, explaining the effectiveness of the Vietnamese guerrillas, and not only that the Vietnamese, unlike most South-East Asian peoples, are fine organisers but also that the Vietnamese resistance government has the greatest popular support of any nationalist movement in South East Asia. In Saigon last month this correspondent asked a prominent member of the French-sponsored Baodai-Kuon government how many Vietnamese favoured his regime. "Almost none," he replied frankly. Asked what percentage favoured the Ho Chi Minh regime, he replied, "More or less all, almost 99 per cent."

The unpopularity of the puppet regime was clearly displayed in September when the Saigon government found it necessary—in order to gather a crowd to demonstrate in support of the Bay of Along agreement with France—to issue confidential orders that all civil servants were compelled to attend, on penalty of losing a day's pay.

All observers agree the French lost all chance of erecting an alternate, pro-French regime by unaccountably wincing on the Bay of Along agreement negotiations last June between High Commissioner Emile Bollaert and Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam. After eighteen months of haggling and after spending millions of plaites on "subsidies" to Bao Dai and his entourage, an agreement was reached. Under this agreement—which has been denounced by the Ho Chi Minh regime—France agreed to accord Viet Nam the position of "State" in the French Union. The French-sponsored Bao Dai-Kuon government is to have "internal sovereignty"; it was declared that diplomatic, military and financial agreements would be negotiated later. However, diplomatic sources disclose that it was secretly agreed that France would be free to station troops in Viet Nam (since it is still part of the French Union) but that the Vietnamese could have a French-trained gendarmier of 100,000 men. The French agreed only to appoint Vietnamese secretaries to existing posts in neighbouring South East Asia countries, although Bao Dai asked for the right to appoint separate consular representatives. The French retained for themselves customs and control of external economics. According to diplomatic sources, Bao Dai only signed this when the French threatened to cut off his allowance.

Any hopes that Bao Dai could use this agreement to wean away support from Ho Chi Minh—on the grounds that he had secured from the French what he had failed to get—has evaporated as the French government has refused to ratify the agreement, signed by their own High Commissioner. Six months have gone by without ratification. High Commissioner Bollaert has resigned. The Bao Dai supporters, headed by tiny General Nguyen Van Xuan, are out at the end of a limb which the French are refusing to strengthen. The French have transferred to this shadow puppet regime certain unpopular taxes—including those on opium—sales which are legal in Indo-China—but have not yet given them the police or judiciary to enforce their taxing power. And without the ratification of the Bay of Along agreement, the Bao Dai-Kuon regime hasn't any legal base whatever. Recently General Xuan wrote in reply to a UN's agency request for information on the situation: "It all depends on France. If France is not liberal, the nationalists will know they can only win by bullets."

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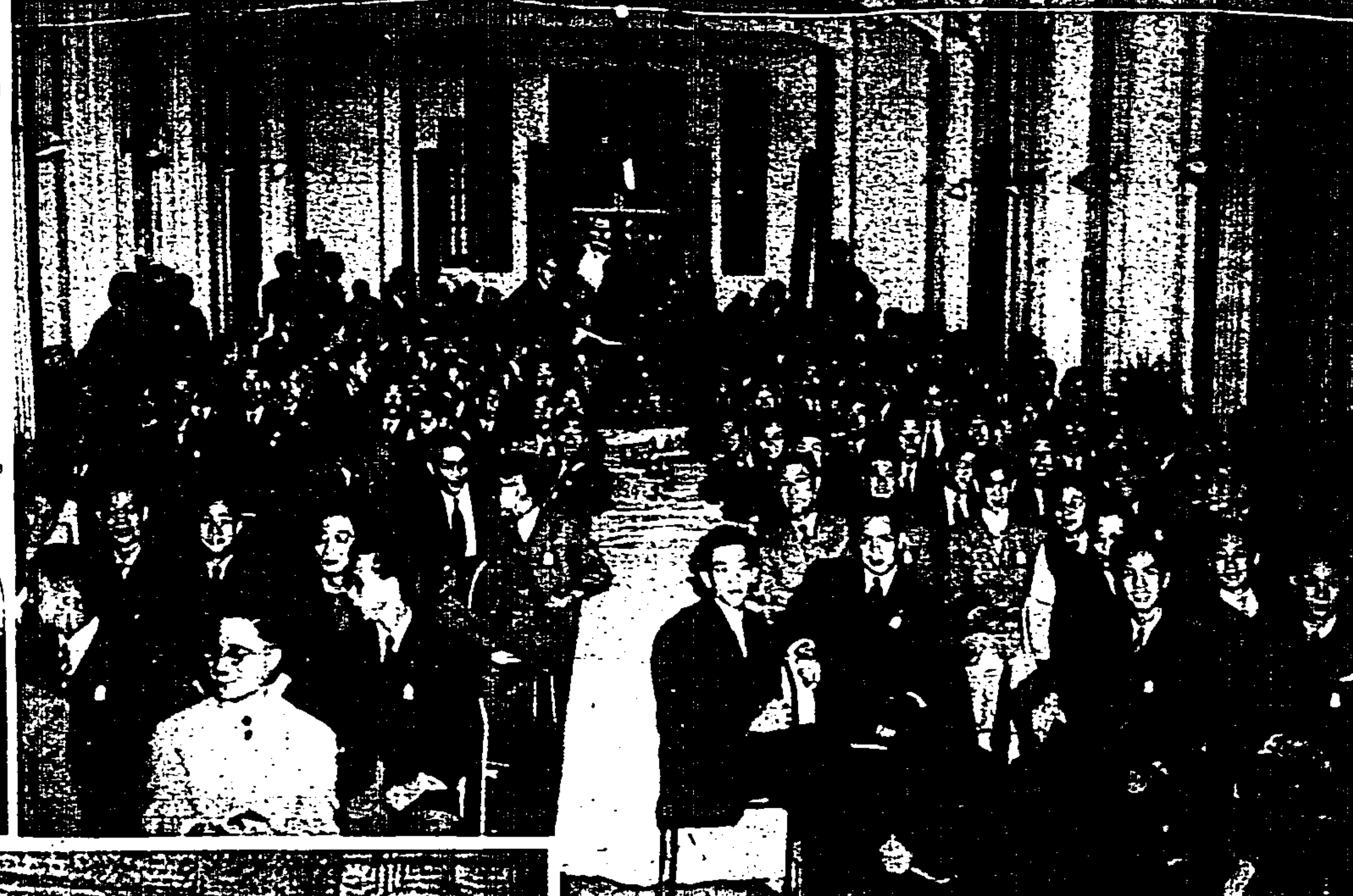
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The Schoolboy Detective

By MARIE MARSHALL

THE MYSTERY OF GREY ROCK CREEK

PART I

It was Lionel Martin who made Rob Pearce, the Schoolboy Detective, realise that there was a strange mystery about Grey Rock Creek.

When Lionel told him what he had seen, he knew that it would take all his detective powers to get to the bottom of it.

Taking a short cut through the valley late one Saturday afternoon after cricket, Lionel had been amazed when approaching the bridge that spanned Grey Rock Creek to see a tall man, carrying a large bundle, jump from the bridge. Had there been much water beneath the bridge, Lionel would have been horrified; but he knew that except for a trickle of water round the piles, the creek was dry. He had hurried forward and, leaning on the rail of the bridge, where last he had seen the man, stared below. There was no sign of the man or his bundle.

When Rob first heard this, he wasn't interested, and then, struck by the earnestness in Lionel's face, he admitted that the incident was odd, to put it mildly.

"Of course it is!" exclaimed Lionel. "That man was getting away with something pretty fast. And he wasn't carrying a dead cat in that bundle. It seemed to me like a sort of tablecloth tied up at the corners."

Rob, who was putting a battery in his torch while his pal eagerly told his tale, wished he could visit Grey Rock Creek that night. But he knew that was out of the question. His mother and father had long ago put a stop to his midnight detective work. To the imaginative schoolboy detective, the night added thrills to his work. Everything seemed so matter of fact in daylight.

"Come to the creek tomorrow afternoon," urged Lionel. "We'll have a good look round after school. It's a bit late now. I must be off. Mum wants me to sweep the yard—as usual!"

Lionel left Rob's home wishing that he could go to Grey Rock Creek himself that night but he knew he wouldn't discover much without Rob. Although he rarely admitted it, he had great faith in Rob's powers as a detective. He chafed a bit in the knowledge that he was a bit of a hanger-on in most of Rob's "cases," but he had realised for some time that he was less than a Dr. Watson to Sherlock Rob Pearce. Even so, his satisfaction was great; this time he had put Rob on the scent of something big—of that he was certain.

Rob did not mention the Grey Rock mystery to his parents. His mother was usually anxious when she knew he was trying to solve some mystery, real or otherwise. His father, who had often rescued him in the nick of time from awkward situations, would have tried to stop him doing anything in the matter. Rob who believed in taking his parents into his confidence, decided to wait just a little longer. His parents, of course, would advise telling the police; but Rob knew that it was no use doing that until he had some real evidence.

He thought of what Lionel had told him long after he had gone to bed, and he was tempted to get up and go for a prowling with his torch. Tomorrow afternoon might be too late. Then he decided to get up at daybreak. He knew Lionel wouldn't like the idea of being left out of the first part of his investigation but that couldn't be helped.

The sky was just whitening when he slipped out of the house and made his way to the valley, about a mile away. He covered the distance quickly. He knew the bridge well, having passed over it on many a hike, but he had never explored the area. So close to home, it had never seemed a very interesting spot.

As he stood on the bridge looking down at the creek's rocky bed merging into clumps of grass rising into wild scrub on the other side, he made a sudden decision. He climbed the rail, just as the mysterious man must have done, and jumped.

(To be continued.)

World Spotlight:

Thunder Scared The Monkey

One of the most bloodcurdling sounds in the Guianese jungle is the cry of the Howler Monkeys, who have an enormous throat and neck development enabling them to make noises out of all proportion to their size.

An interesting Indian legend is built around these animals whose fur is a vivid chestnut red. The legend says that in olden days the monkey was black all over and was very proud of his terrifying voice.

One day he challenged Thunder to a contest. Thunder agreed and the Howler Monkey gave vent to his far-reaching roar.

"Is that all you can do?" asked Thunder, who with that made one terrific crash, so loud that lightning came from his mouth singeing the monkey's coat red. And the monkey was so afraid that never again would he use his voice while Thunder was near.

Actually one never hears these animals howling during thundery weather. Abandoned by its mother last April when only a few hours old, a fox-cub was brought to Copenhagen by people who found it in the forest. Last month, when it was old enough to look after itself, the fox was returned to the woods.

Recently, performers at an open-air operetta in a forest just outside the Danish capital were startled by the sudden appearance on the stage of the fox, which refused to be driven away.

"Mikkel," as all Danish foxes are called, was taken home by the stage carpenter and became the playmate of his daughter, Anne-Lise, and two dogs—an Eskimo dog called "Troll" and an Aberdeen called "Scottie."

Alas, Anne-Lise may lose her pet for "Mikkel" has taken to burrowing his way under the fence to supplement his diet by raids on neighbours' hen coups.

Teacher: Henry, name two collective nouns.
Henry: A waste paper basket and a vacuum cleaner.

Bob: Let's play zoo.
Bobby: All right.
Bob: I'll be the elephant.
Bobby: Who'll I be?
Bob: You be the boy who feeds the elephant peanuts.

Teacher: Tell me something about oysters, Johnny.
Johnny: They are very lazy. They are always found in beds.

Sort Out These Jumbled Words—

Here are some birds' names. Can you guess them? If you cannot turn the page upside down and you'll find them.

(1) Rkal, (2) Oodwekepr, (3) Igtihlagain, (4) Yaj, (5) Nwre, (6) Wllowaw, (7) Ower, (8) Inorb, (9) Laege, (10) Itewp.

Jumbled Words Answers

Lark, Woodpecker, Nighthawk, Eagle, Hawk, Robin, Jay, Wren, Swallow, Crow.

Honour certificate Winnie Read aged 15, of 23, Lock Road, Kowloon.

Why is a dog warmer in summer than in winter?

Because in winter it has the same coat and pants. In summer it has a heavy coat and in summer it is warmer.

THREE WISHES

Once upon a time there lived an old man, his wife died while his daughter was still a young girl.

This young girl whose name was Rachel grew up looking more beautiful each day, for she had long golden locks and blue eyes. She was always kind to the poor although she wasn't very rich herself.

One day as she was picking some daffodils for the sick children she saw a pixie struggling in the grass with a big spider. Now, Rachel was always kind, and she could not bear to see such a sight, therefore she picked the pixie up from the spider's grip.

As soon as she put the pixie down, the pixie said in a very loud voice, "You have been very kind my dear, and for this you may have three wishes."

Rachel was about to thank him but he vanished into the air in the form of smoke.

That night when Rachel went home her father said to her, "Rachel, I am an old man and am not able to work for my bread any more, you must try and take care of me now."

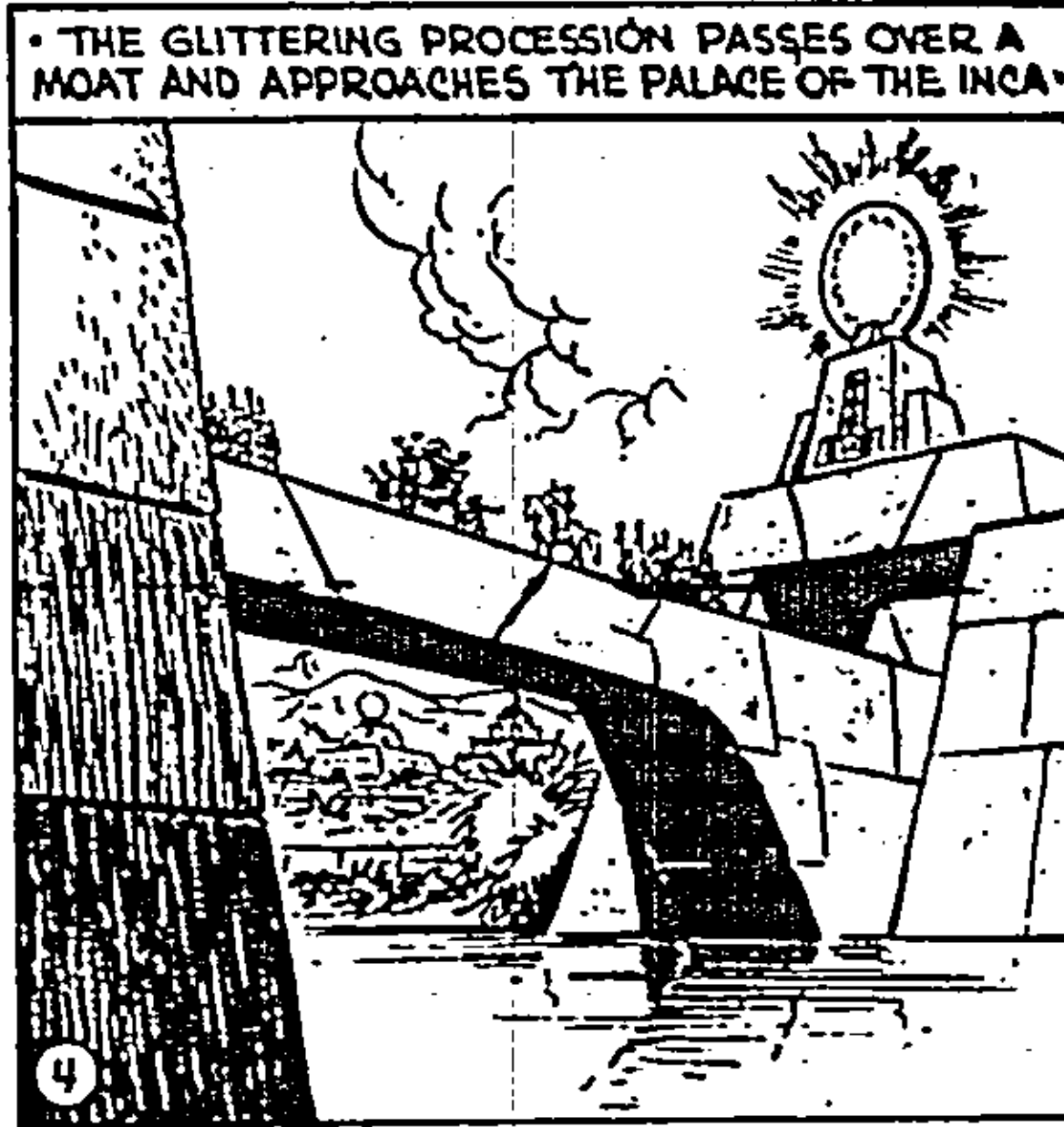
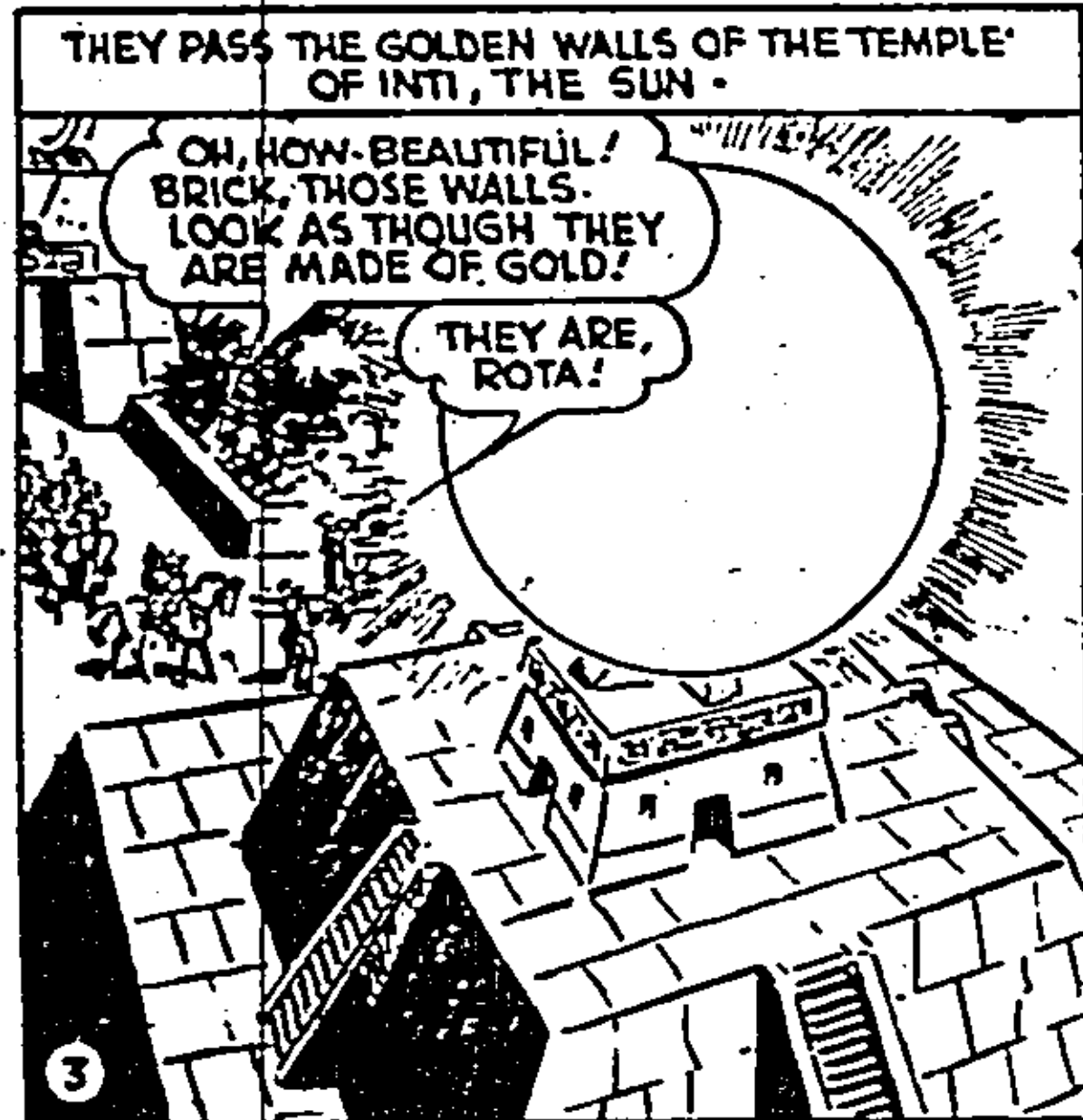
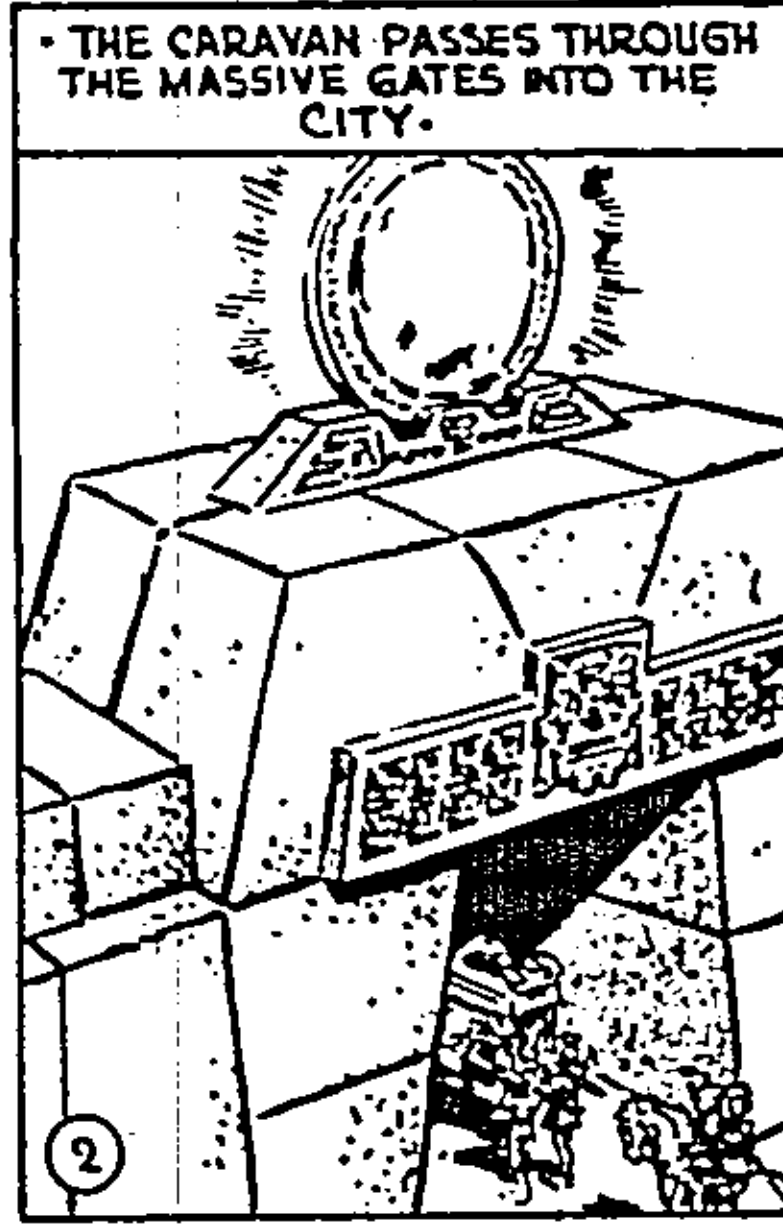
Rachel then remembered her three wishes and she took great care for what she wished.

Her first wish was to live happily with her father in a new house and have enough money to feed him.

Her second wish was to build a new school for boys and girls. No sooner had she made the wish, she heard great thunder and as she looked out the window, she could see a lovely house, and next to it a big school, named The Pixie's Boarding School. You can imagine how glad Rachel and her father were, when they saw this.

Now Rachel still had one more wish left, and with this wish she wished to live happily with her father forever and ever.

Honour certificate to Jennifer Piatyushin aged 14, of Kowloon.



By FRANK GODWIN

In The Mailbag **RUSTY RILEY**

ALICIA YUEN GARCIA, if you want to be a H.C.C. Member, just let me have your address, age, birthday and your hobbies. Then I will send you one of our beautiful certificates.

W.A. Calvert, Thank you very much for all the articles you sent in. I'm afraid I won't be able to print them all immediately, but I'll keep them safely and as soon as I have the chance to print them I'll do so. However, keep on sending in stories when you have them. Thank you.

"RODDY," will you please let me have your correct address, as I want to send you your prize for the Painting Competition.

Why is the alphabet like a philosopher?

Answer: u j dn pua both zy x

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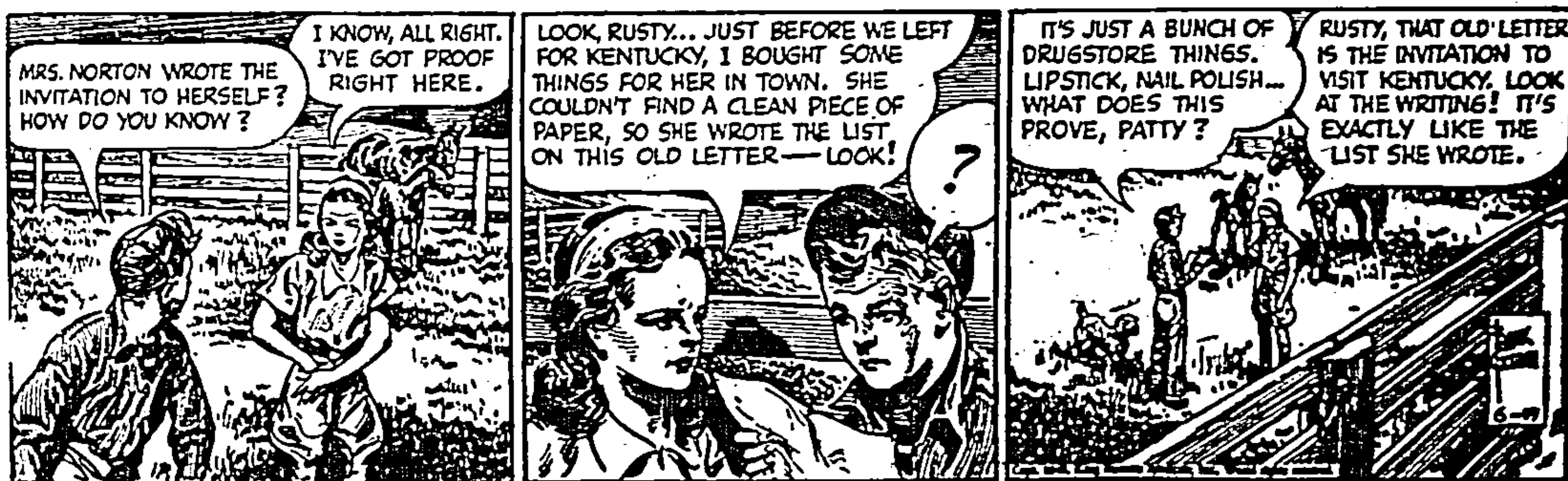
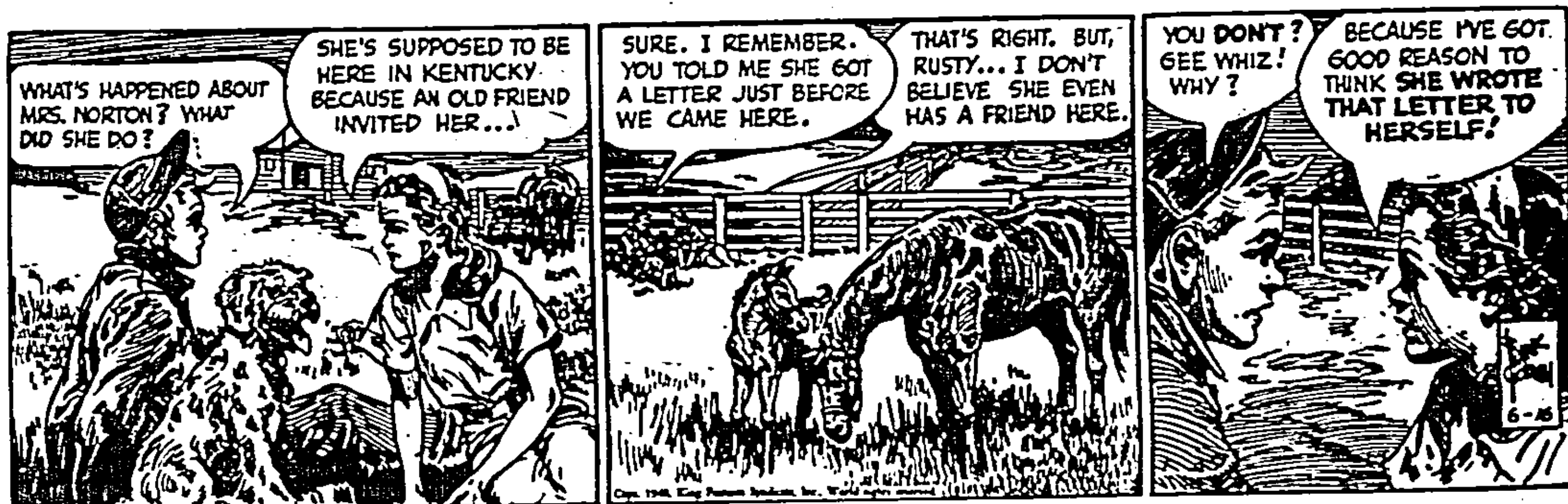
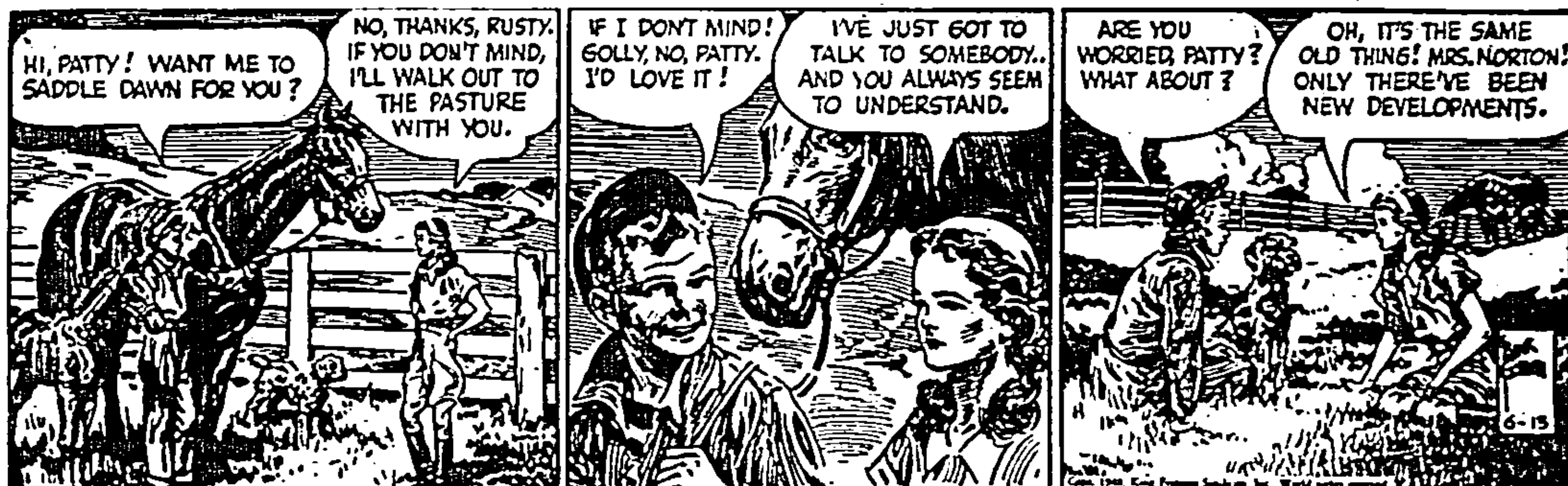
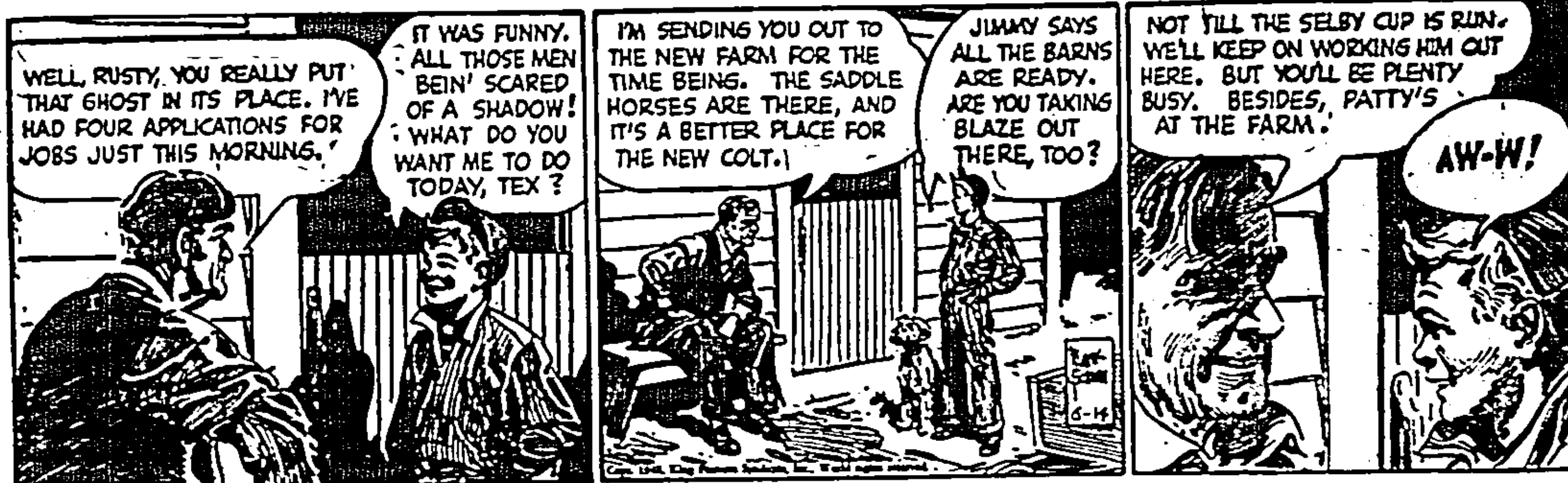
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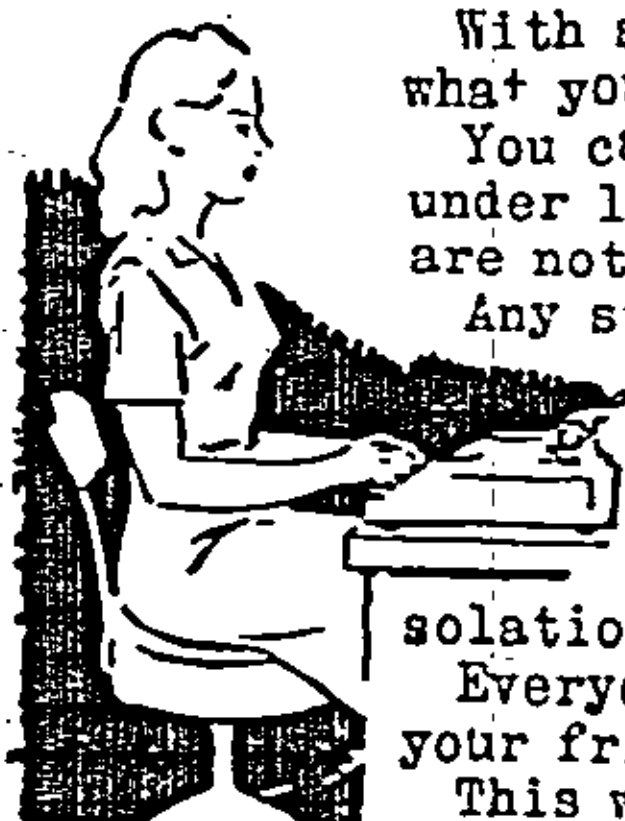
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Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...



With so many new H.C.C. Members rolling in, I'll explain again what you have to do.

You can enter any competitions you like (that is if you are under 16 years of age) and try to win a prize; and even if you are not a member you can also try your luck.

Any stories, poems, drawings and all kinds of articles will be gladly accepted. If printed in the "Children's Herald" a certificate having a value of so many points will be awarded to you, and a prize of \$10 or a present will be given to everybody who gains certificates worth 20 points. These certificates are also used as Consolation Prizes in the competitions.

Everyone has a chance to win something, so why don't you and your friends try and see what you can do.

This week we are starting another new serial, and it is called "The Mystery of Grey Rock Creek." I hope you all will enjoy reading this.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Competition Winners

Here are the names of the winners of the Imagination Competition. Congratulations to you all.

First prize of \$10 goes to Henry Hamid, aged 14, of 114, Tung Lo Wan Road (2nd fl.) Hong Kong, second prize of \$7 goes to Lee Wai Lam, aged 14, of 242, Nathan Road (2nd fl.) Kowloon; and the third prize of \$5 goes to Peter Braga, 11 Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Consolation prizes were sent to Richard Higgs of Stanley Prison, Wendy Yeo of 6, Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, and Vicente Remedios of 16, Hillwood Road, (ground fl.) Kowloon.

WORD WISDOM

Abject (abjekt) worthless, mean, low, or despicable.
Bicentenary (bisentenari) the two hundredth anniversary of any event, of its celebration.
Canthus (kanthus) the angle made by the meeting of the eyelids.
Disruption, (disrupshun) forcible separation.
Equivalent (ekwivalent) equal in value or power.
Fictitious (fiktishus) pertaining to, or of the nature of fiction; false, or unreal.
Genesis (genesis) beginning.
Haul (hawl) to pull or draw with force; transport by drawing, or to change the course of a ship.
Inclement (inklement) unmerciful; tempestuous.

Who Am I?

My first is in wheel but not in heel.
My second is in ice and also in spice.
My third is in narrow but not in sparrow.
My fourth is in teacher but not in preacher.
My fifth is in ever and also in clever.
My sixth is in rug but not in rug.
My whole is coming.
And is one of the four season.

Answer:
"SPRING"

Honour certificate to Irene Wan, aged 14 of 1 On Lan Street, (3rd floor) Hong Kong.

DRAWING COMPETITION

Have you ever been to a zoo or a circus? Surely you must have, and I wonder if you remember those elephants that did cute tricks, the monkeys you fed nuts to, the ponies you rode on; those brave dogs jumping over a ring of fire, the lions you were scared of, and the many other interesting animals and scenes you just can't forget.

This week we are having a different sort of a competition, what I want you to do is to try and draw me a picture with animals in it. You can draw a picture with a little boy or girl playing with their pets, or the pet alone. A scene you remember when you went to the zoo or the circus would be interesting.

In fact draw anything you like. No restriction is placed on the type of drawings entered, but it must have a picture of an animal in it. This won't be very hard for most of you are such good artists, and have good imaginations.

Give me a surprise now, and send in an interesting picture.

When you are quite sure your picture is finished, send it to Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Enclose also this slip with your entry and mark the left hand corner of your envelope "Competition."

Post it as soon as you can so that there won't be any disappointment, and don't forget to mark it "All My own Work."

First prize will be \$10, second prize \$7, and the third prize \$5. There will be three certificates as consolation prizes.

Name

Address

Age

THE FIRST AIRMAN

Once upon a time there was a wicked King on a certain island. He had in his service a very clever workman who was helped by his son Icarus.

The workman, being unhappy wanted to leave the service of the wicked King, but the King did not allow him to.

So, the workman told his son Icarus, "There is no other way of getting out of the island except by flying."

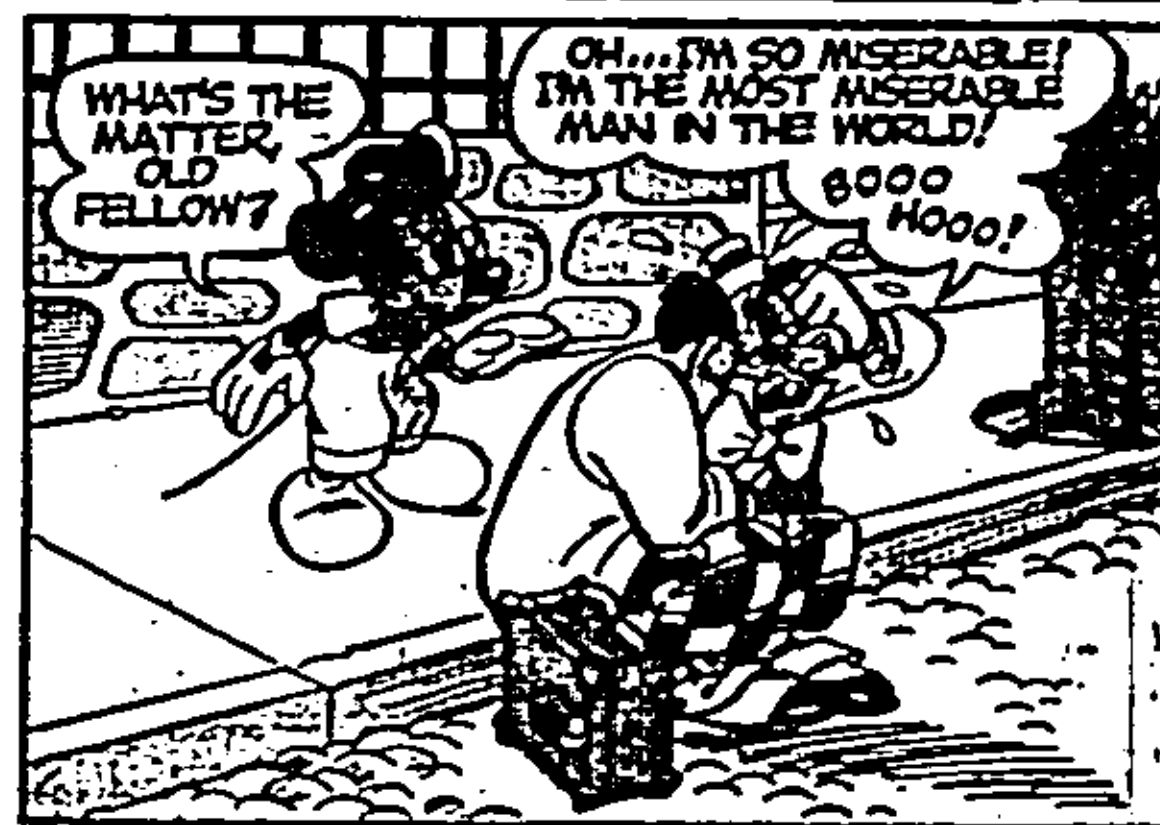
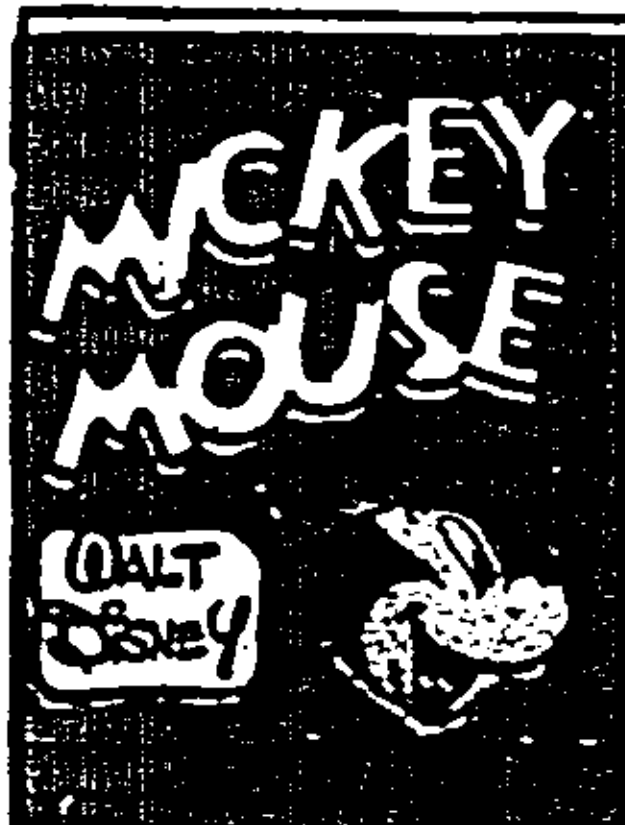
As soon as they had this idea, they started to collect feathers from the great birds of the island, and made two pairs of wings. When the wings were ready, the workman took a pair and fixed it on the shoulders of his son with wax. The other pair he took himself.

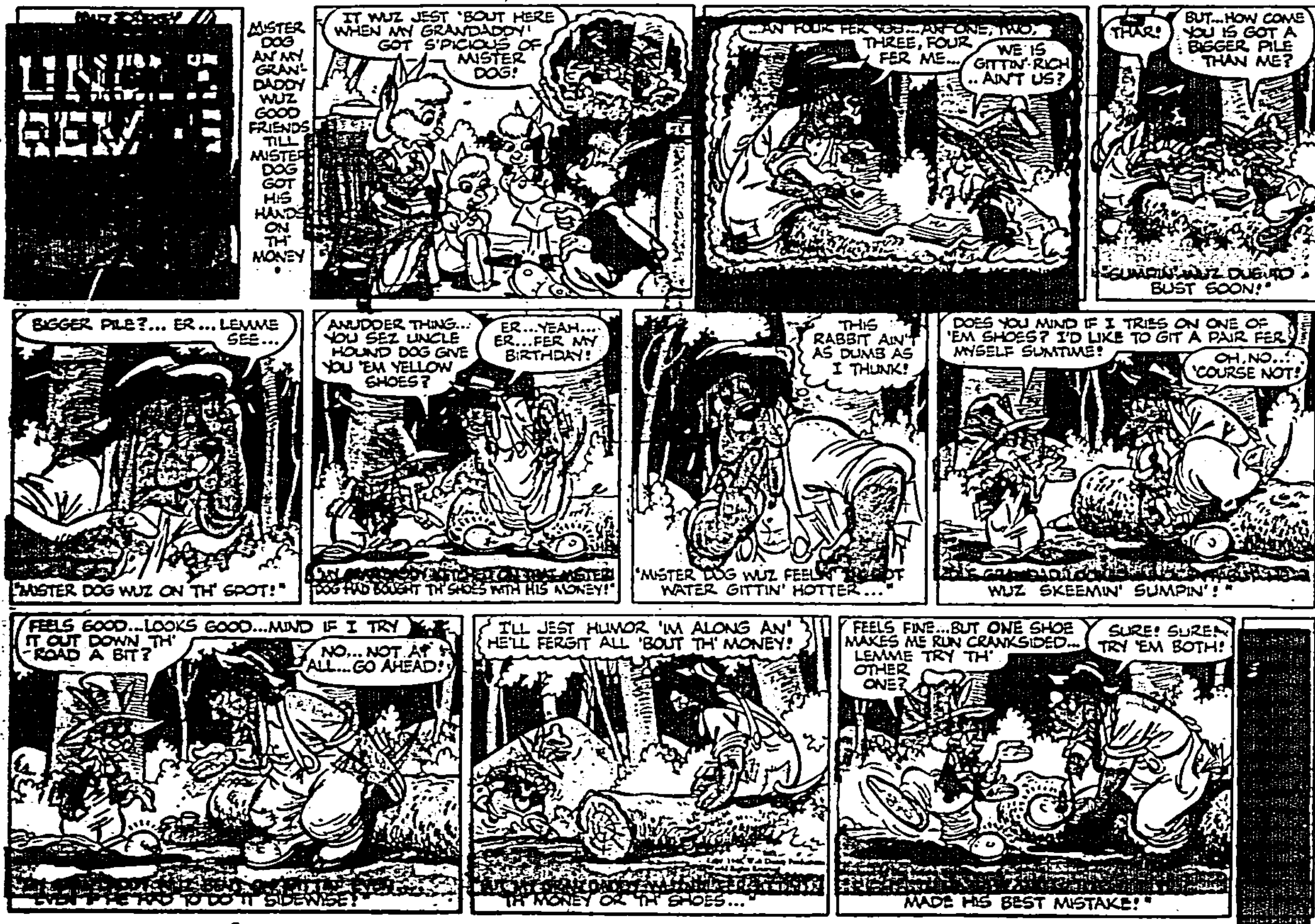
Before they started off, the workman warned Icarus not to fly too near the sun, for the sun would melt the wax.

Off they went, and Icarus went flying and soaring up into the sky. Higher and higher he went, and forgot the warning of his father. He flew too near the sun, the wax melted and poor Icarus fell and was drowned.

His father being wiser, flew away to freedom.

Honour certificate to Arthur Hamid, of 114 Tong Lo Wan Road (2nd floor) Hong Kong.





THE WINNER



This is Henry Hamid's winning entry in the Imagination Competition. Don't you think it's good?

KINDNESS PAYS

There was once a very kind and rich man, who used his money to make poor people happy. His name was Mr. Richman, and he was looking for an unselfish poor boy to adopt, so that when he died that boy would carry on his work.

It was mid-winter, and Mr. Richman went every afternoon to Dell's park, where many of the poor people usually went, in search of an unselfish boy.

Two weeks before Christmas, Mr. Richman going as usual to his particular bench, found a little boy sitting there.

The little boy liked Mr. Richman, and Mr. Richman liked the little boy whose name he found out was John. He liked him because he looked honest and simple.

They began to talk about Christmas which was approaching. John told Mr. Richman how every day he had saved up some money to give to the lady with whom he lived, and though he was not her son, she treated him just like her own.

Mr. Richman told John how he was alone in the world with no one to think of him at Christmas, and how he had always wished for a walking stick, as he was getting old, and the rheumatism was attacking him.

On parting, they both agreed to meet next night at the same place. Night after night, they met and talked, and Mr. Richman got to like John more and more.

On Christmas Eve, Mr. Richman was surprised when he met John at the park with a parcel, which he gave him, telling him that it was a Christmas present from Maggie (the lady with whom he lived) and himself.

Mr. Richman was so moved, that he told John who he really

was, and asked him to come and live with him, and be a son to him. "But I can't leave Maggie," John said. "Well, I want you and Maggie to come and live with me," said Mr. Richman.

After much pleading, John finally consented to go. He was sent to the best colleges, and passed with honours, which made both Maggie and Mr. Richman whom he now called "Daddy" very proud of him.

When Mr. Richman died, John carried on his good work of making the poor happy and comfortable.

He married a very pretty girl, and had three children, who were just as kind as their parents.

Many years later, John sitting by the fire-side one winter night with his grand-children around him, told them stories of Mr. Richman's kindness, stories of which they never tired of hearing. When John gave Mr. Richman the cane that Christmas Eve night, he was not even thinking of reward, but gave the present out of his kind heart, and he was more than rewarded for his good deed.

Honour certificate to Gloria Louie, aged 14, of 23 Fuk Wing Street, (1st fl.), Shum Shui Po.

X'mas Is Coming



X'mas is coming hurrah, hurrah.

Children are coming from wide and far,

To spend holidays with their friends,

And boys play marbles for keeps and lends.

Parents buying X'mas trees, Instead of paying school fees.

Children dancing around the tree, Full of happiness, joy and glee.

Honour certificate to Roger C. Kemp aged 12, of 14c, Hillwood Road, Top floor, Kowloon.

WHO AM I?

My first is in dope but not in coal,
My second is in utter but not in chatter,
My third is in zinc, but not in pink;
My fourth is in zero but not in negro,
My fifth is in latch but not in catch,
My sixth is in spade but not in said,
My whole is in something you all like doing.

Answer:
Puzzle

Honour certificate to Michael Wilcox, of Central Police Station, Hong Kong.

Birthday Greetings

On December 7 ANTHONY LIN of 219 Prince Edward Road Kowloon, will be 11-years-old.

On December 8 RALPH PEDRUCCO of Taikoo Sugar Refinery, will be 17-years-old; and IRENE SMIRNOFF of 15 Cameron Road (top fl.) will be 14-years-old.

On December 11 MICHAEL KOODIAROFF of Peninsula Hotel, Room 231, will be 14-years-old.

The H.C.C. Members will join me in wishing you all a very Happy Birthday.

RIDDLES

Jim: At breakfast this morning I cooked an egg that was four inches long.

Tim: I know what will beat that.

Jim: What?

Tim: An egg beater, of course.

Kind Gentleman (to a little boy eating an apple): Look out for the worms, sonny.

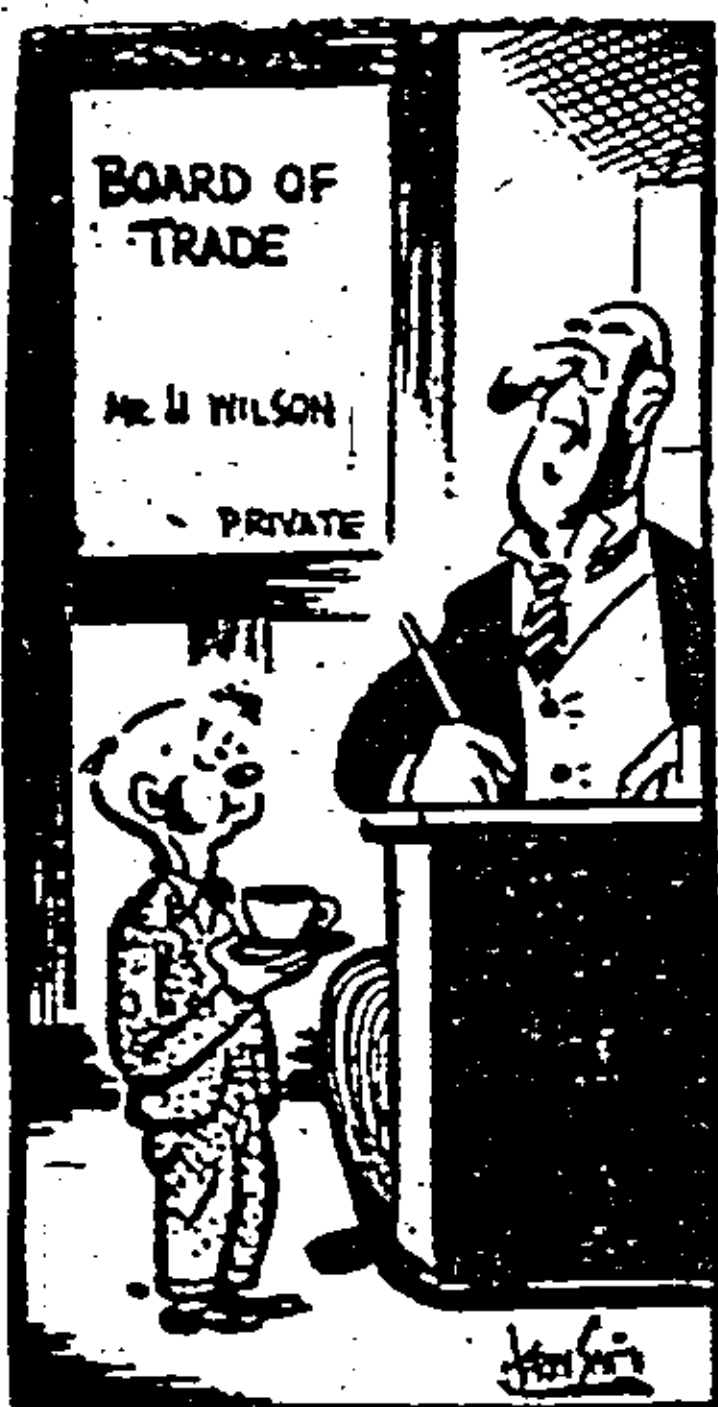
Little Boy: When I eat an apple, the worms have to look out for themselves.

Tommy: Mother, will an apple a day keep the doctor away?

Mother: Yes, Tommy.

Tommy: Then quickly give me an apple, because I broke the doctor's window, playing ball.

PIGMY CARTOON



"I don't care what your Mum says — stop referring to Mr Wilson as 'Big-Hearted Harold'."

Indigestion?

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ROMANTIC OF CLASSICAL
THE fallibility of any generalisation is openly admitted, since a broad attempt to classify generally any subject is obviously a procedure by which finer shades of meaning inevitably escape the net. The same applies to the broad divisions often given to Romantic and Classical Music. Both descriptions are far too wide and loosely-drawn to admit of inflexible application. It is consequently impossible to draw any rigid demarcation and allocate music inescapably to either one or the other of the two groups.

Schubert's name springs first to mind in the category of romantic music, and it is generally conceded that he was the fore-runner of this particular art-form. Whether the description "romantic" is the best term to be used is questionable, but at least it does give a diametrically opposed meaning to the completely opposite type of music known as classical.

IN Schubert's case, he was innured in an atmosphere of music from his birth onwards, since his father was an excellent amateur musician, forever welcoming friends at his house who made music together until the small hours of the morning. Small wonder then, that with such an environment as a background, Schubert thus thoroughly steeped in matters musical—should have left to posterity the lovely works he has.

His main characteristics are melody, and an aura of gentleness if that is quite the right word. His song cycles, such as "Die Winterreise" and "Die Schöne Müllerin" contain so much that is lovely that a selector is set a difficult task were he to attempt a choice of the most beautiful of his many other songs, which poured with unceasing surge from his inspired pen, one can list as of exceptional beauty:—
Au Dee Musik
Der Wanderer
Litany

and not forgetting his immortal "Ave Maria." Such songs as these, require vocalists of the highest order. Gerard Müller, a German baritone of whom little seems to be heard nowadays, has made a perfect set of H.M.V. recordings of "Die Winterreise," whilst Elena Gerhardt—surely unequalled as a lieder-singer, has made many outstanding recordings of Schubert's lesser known songs.

SO much for the romantic aspect. In considering classical music (and be it noted, romantic music, confusedly enough, is also classical music) the names Bach, Beethoven and Brahms immediately occur. The question then to be raised is in what way do these classicists differ from their romantic colleagues such as Chopin and Schumann.

It is a difficult question to answer, since to define the exact differences in the nature of their composition almost defies a written explanation. Bach, more than Beethoven, was an adherent to classic form by nature whereas Brahms showed the same adherence more by profession on his own part than necessarily by inclination.

BRAHMS method of working was to ponder over his ideas for some long time before committing them to paper. Indeed, there seems to be some indication that Brahms would thrust aside many of the ideas he unformed as unworthy. It was as if he were fighting against two influences—the one urging him to write and the other to stay his hand, and modify the ideas which he had already formed. In this, perhaps, may lie the es-

sence of distinction between classic and romantic music. Romantic music—as its name endeavours to imply—is music written almost as it springs to mind, written to express indelibly and to crystallise the shape of things passing through a composer's mind. Classical music, on the other hand, is the outcome of more mature consideration, the result of thought. Like the bush of a fine wine many years in maturity, the full bouquet is the more apparent for the passing years.

THIS simile is not altogether apt, particularly if one considers its application to Handel, another composer of the classical school. The volume of his output alone bespeaks that he never found it necessary to devote the consideration there to that Brahms found to be essential. One will not deny, all the same, Handel's Water Music, or organ concertos are any the less worthy than Brahms on this score.

The secret of distinction between the two types lies in the innermost workings of the composers' minds, and to say more than that is to tread on theoretical grounds. It would be a rash man who would undertake to say that one category is better or more enjoyable than the other. Great music speaks a common language, the interpretation of which runs on individual lines, and, such being so, one man cannot abrogate to himself the right to speak for others.

SUNDAY

As normally, the chief item tonight calling for comment is the Symphony Concert—again in two parts—which commences at 9.05 p.m. The programme comprises—

Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini—Rachmaninov
Symphony No. 2 in B Minor—Borodin

Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso—Saint-Saens
Symphony No. 3 in F—Beethoven

"Mantred" Overture—Schumann
In the Paganini Rhapsody, Arthur Rubinstein is at the solo piano, so we are assured of a musicianly interpretation of this seldom-heard work. Rhapsodies are a musical form in which the composer's imagination can be given free reign. No conformity to convention is imposed, and musical ideas can be expressed without let or hindrance. A composer of Rachmaninov's calibre can be depended on to create an interesting work within a wide framework and this composition is no exception.

THE Borodin, Symphony is the most popular of the three written by this Russian composer. A faint atmosphere of Tchaikowski is determinable in some parts of this symphony, but generally, it well merits the place it has earned in the affections of the music going public.

The Saint-Saens work is a famous tour-de-force for violinists, the soloist in tonight's recording being Ida Haendel, feminine counterpart of Menuhin. This work is a really lovely composition, and it is strange that it is not heard more often. Ida Haendel, in spite of her youth, has attained an amazing technique, and will be heard to advantage.

Beethoven's No. 8 is one of the finest of his nine symphonies. Written at a time when Beethoven's powers were at their height, and before the moroseness which was later to characterise him had fully developed, he brings to bear in this symphony all the latent powers that were his. As the last of his purely orchestral symphonies (the No. 9 is of course the mighty Choral Symphony), the No. 8 is a work of pure delight.

MONDAY

AT 9 p.m. on Monday there is to be heard selections from "Cavalleria Rusticana." Mascagni has never equalled the popularity which "Cay" enjoys today. He has made other attempts in works such as "Iris" and "Nero" but they have sadly misfired. Possibly in "Cavalleria," he was helped by a suitable libretto. Be that as

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"MUSSETTA"

it may, there are a number of lovely solos, some of the best of which are included in this selection.

In different vein, at 9.30 p.m. there is a radio version of "The Upturned Glass," featuring James Mason, the film star. How the feature will go over a radio show is difficult to say but I recall seeing the film in England early in 1947. It was then an intelligent, well acted production, having the advantage of an excellent scenario. If Mr. Mason's somewhat saturnine cast of countenance was presented with any undue degree of immobility, this is not to detract from his presence as an actor.

TUESDAY

AT 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday night, "20 questions" is on the air. The popular B.B.C. feature, with Stewart McPherson as question-master, bears out a belief I hold that sophistication is not always an essential element of entertainment. Although I could not attempt a reasoned guess at the age of this parlour-game, there can be no doubt the modern radio-version is great fun. Whoever originally devised the idea at the B.B.C. is due for especial mention.

At 10.16, Symphony No. 3 by Sir Arnold Bax, Master of the King's music, is being given. I do not know this work and cannot therefore give any comment on it. From some knowledge of his other works however, it is safe to say that erudition will be discreetly combined with expression of idiom.

WEDNESDAY

A high-spot at 9.15 p.m. on Wednesday is a performance of Schubert's Ninth Symphony in C by the Concertgebouw Orchestra, from the Edinburgh Festival. This Festival seems fast to be taking on every appearance of a Salzburg, if one is to judge by the artistes and conductors engaged to appear. Schubert's No. 9 was written towards the end of his life, when he had behind him some 30 years of musical experience. From the composition of his 5th Symphony onwards (I speak now of his symphonic compositions only) Schubert displayed a true grasp of all that such works demanded. Previously, his symphonies had not portrayed any great ability and were more in the nature of youthful indiscretions than anything else.

In the No. 9, however, the true Schubertian characteristics are displayed to best advantage. In spite of his somewhat unhappy life, probably a little exaggerated for stage purposes, this composition discloses no such fact in its melodies and cross-rhythms.

THURSDAY

At 8.30 p.m. a further musical treat is in store with a promise of a performance of Beethoven's Violin Concerto.

Of the concertos devoted to the violin (with the possible exception of the Mendelssohn) this remains my prime favourite. One needs to know little of the technicalities of music to realise that here lies true greatness. The expression of Beethoven's innermost feelings lay openly revealed for such as chose to listen.

The whole work is characterised by a flowery melodic outline for the solo instrument, which blends with the orchestral background so as to make a unified pattern of sound. It is an exacting work for the soloist, but one from which a supreme satisfaction must be derived in the knowledge of an achievement well-executed.

FRIDAY

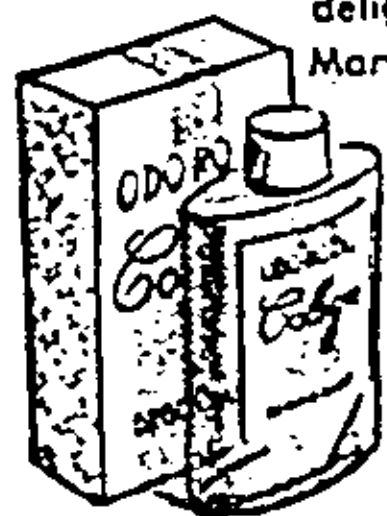
Space is running out, but there is enough to make a brief mention of Act III of "Faust" at 8.10 p.m. on Friday followed by Tartini's seldom heard Sonata for Violin and Piano at 9 p.m.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. In Paris.
2. John Foster Dulles, who would probably have been Secretary of State had Dewey won the American presidential election.
3. A fog blanket.
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Health Page

Streptomycin Trial BY TREVOR WILLIAMS

Streptomycin is of undoubted benefit to sufferers from pulmonary tuberculosis. The information has been arrived at after extensive tests by Britain's Medical Research Council.

The first really definite answer has now come as a result of most elaborate clinical trials just completed in seven British hospitals. The verdict of the majority of the experts who organized the trials and carried out the treatment is that although streptomycin is not a spectacular cure it is beyond doubt of value in treating tuberculosis of the lungs.

The story of streptomycin is in a sense a companion chapter in the penicillin story. At quite an early stage in their investigations, British workers discovered that penicillin is extra ordinarily active against many kinds of bacterial infection but quite inactive against others. Outstanding among these because of the heavy toll it takes of human life and happiness in tuberculosis. The disease is caused

by a bacillus which thrives in the presence of concentrations of penicillin hundreds of times greater than those needed to kill other microbes, such as the staphylococci which are common cause of more or less serious infections.

This and other limitations in the power of penicillin encouraged research workers throughout the world to see whether moulds or similar antibiotic substances could produce drugs different from penicillin. Thousands of different moulds were collected from such varied sources as the soil, decaying fruit and even from the air—and cultivated in the same way as the mould "penicillium notatum" was being cultivated for the manufacture of penicillin. Hundreds of the moulds were in fact found to produce substances deadly to the germs of disease and it seemed that a veritable treasure house of new drugs had been opened. Hopes were soon blighted however. Detailed investigations showed that many antibacterial substances which looked so promising could never be used in medicine. The majority failed for the simple reason that although they were deadly to the germs of disease they were equally deadly to the cells of the human body. They were in fact general poison germs—especially those which resisted penicillin—but were innocuous to the human body.

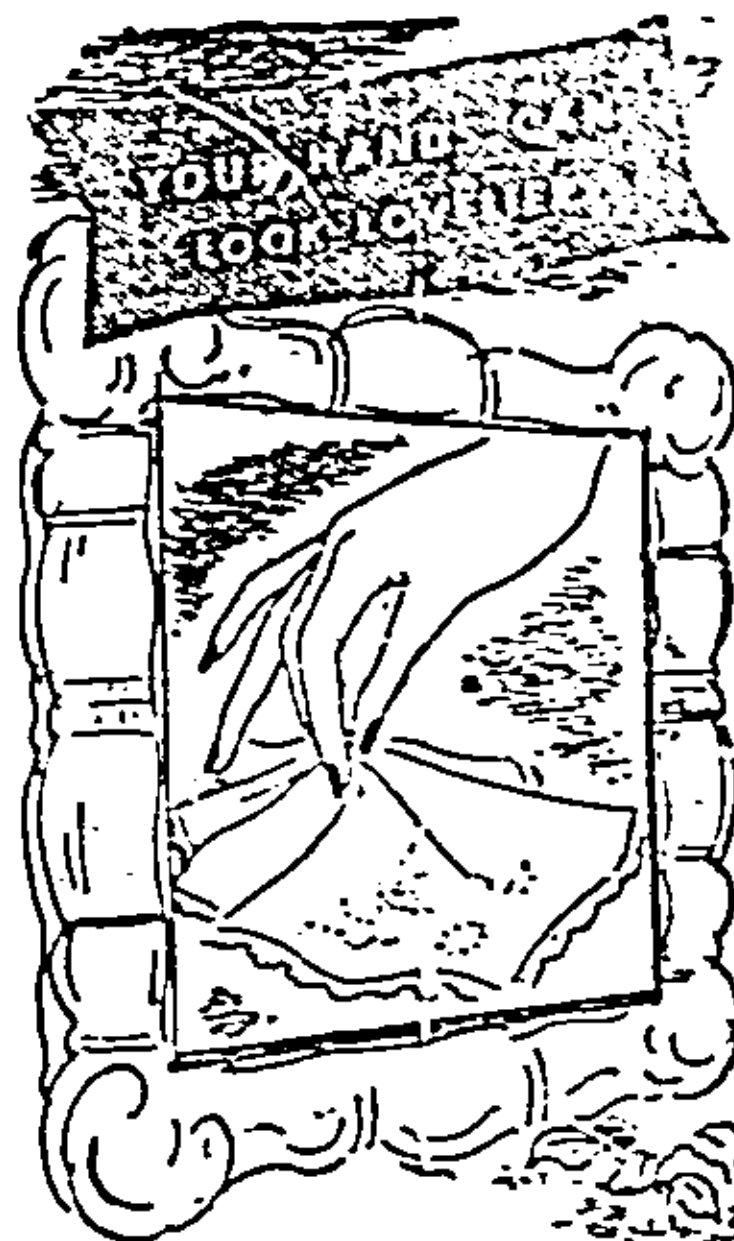
Controversial

Among the score or so of new mould products is streptomycin. This substance was discovered in 1944 after lengthy investigations by Professor S. W. Waksman in New Jersey who obtained it from a mould growing in the soil, and almost at once it attracted wide attention. First and foremost it was active against germs—especially the tubercle bacillus—which penicillin would not touch. Second it seemed to fulfil the other requirement of being not dangerous but only unpleasant to human beings. Preliminary tests with guinea pigs infected with tuberculosis were most promising.

Very soon streptomycin was being made in sufficient quantities to use it against tuberculosis in human beings, but the results were very controversial. The biggest difficulty was due to the nature of the disease itself. It commonly develops quite slowly, so that even under the best conditions, months or even years are needed to see whether any particular drug is beneficial or not. Secondly—and a most confusing factor—patients quite often recover spontaneously—or at least show great improvement—with no more treatment than rest in bed. If such patients have been receiving streptomycin or any other drug the recovery may quite wrongly be attributed to the drug instead of being recognised as an act of nature.

Controlled Experiment

In September, 1948, the Medical Research Council in London formed a "Streptomycin in Tuberculosis" Committee which determined to find out just how many of the claims made for the drug could be justified. First of all they selected a particular kind of tuberculosis, for the disease can appear in a great many forms. The kind they chose was tuberculosis of the lungs. In the seven hospitals taking part in the trials 107 patients of similar ages (15 to 30 years old) were selected who showed as nearly as possible the same symptoms of the disease. Of these, 55 were treated with streptomycin.



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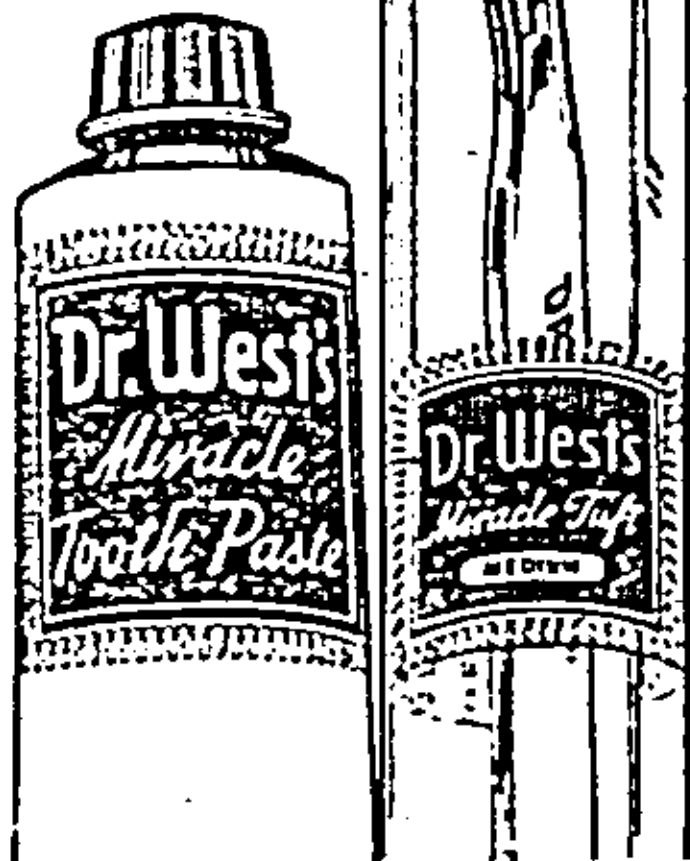


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cin. The other 52 received exactly the same nursing treatment except that they were given no streptomycin. Elaborate precautions were taken to see that radiologists and other experts who had to assess the condition of the patients every month did not know which were streptomycin cases and which were control cases. It was feared that quite unconsciously this knowledge might influence their judgment.

Results showed that streptomycin is of undoubted benefit to sufferers from pulmonary tuberculosis. But they also showed that numerous problems concerning the use of the drug still await solution. These problems however are now much less formidable for the report shows that the elaborate precautions recommended by theory worked perfectly in practice.

This painstaking investigation will be welcomed by doctors throughout the world for it is the first time that the result of carefully controlled experiments have been published. At last they are beginning to have a clear indication both of the limitations and possibilities of streptomycin.

Our Serial Story

THE AUSTRALIAN BEST SELLER THESE ARE MY PEOPLE

By ALAN MARSHALL

"Yes—some of them," he asked.

"What do you think of the war?" he asked.

"What do you?" I countered.

He laughed loudly and slapped the table. He nudged Sam. "A shrewdie, this bloke, eh! You can tell by his dial, anyway. About these papers, now." He addressed me. "Can you believe half of what you read in them?"

"You needn't believe any conclusions arrived at by correspondents," I said.

"You draw your own conclusions from the cables."

"Look, I've never looked into this before. I'm a mug from the bush. I'm gonner learn things from you. When did you become a wake-up?"

"A wake-up to what?"

"To the papers."

"The views expressed in a paper are only the views of one man—the writer. They coincide with the views of those men who own the paper, but they needn't necessarily coincide with mine. You learn that from reading papers. I forget when I woke up to it."

"Cripes!" he exclaimed. "You talk like a bloody book."

He turned eagerly to Sam, who was sitting with an agreeable smile on his face, pleasantly steeped in an alcoholic contentment. "See, now. What did I tell you! We should've met this bloke when we were younger. That air-force bloke woke me up; but you're still asleep."

He turned to explain: "I met this air-force bloke on the train coming from Mildura. Well, he nearly broke my heart. I started getting the paper next day, but there was never anything in it like he said. This bloke fair broke my heart. He told me things that makes me wonder what the bloody war's all about."

"Dinner's ready," said Olive, who had been busy with the camp-oven. She placed a roast leg of lamb on the table.

"You are going to eat some of your own lamb," she told Sam.

"It was a good lamb," said Sam humbly.

"Rot!" said Mick. "You haven't got no good lambs." He turned to Olive, and, with a complete change of tone, said, "Missus, you hypnotise me. Would you like a glass of wine?"

"No, thank you."

She handed him three glasses. He filled them, and handed one to me. "That'll make you write."

"Sleep, more like it," I said.

"Sleep's good," said Sam abstractedly.

Mick drained his glass without taking it from his lips.

"I suppose I ought to tell you," he said, replacing the glass on the table. "I'm not long out of Pentridge."

Olive stopped chewing and gazed fixedly at her plate. I looked at him in amazement.

"Yes, I just done three years for highway robbery under arms."

Sam nodded an agreeable confirmation of the statement, and remarked, "Yes, he did. This lamb is very nice. Hand me the wine, Mick."

Mick was smiling as he looked at us, but behind his smile was a wistful request.

"It makes no difference to us," I said. "It's no concern of ours what you have been in and out of, but it would interest us to hear about it."

His expression changed as if he were again at ease.

"I was on the booze with a cobbler and we ran out of beer, so just for a joke, I took my gun and held up a truck that was carrying beer through to pubs up North. I only took two

cases of bottled stuff. Anyway, we finished them before they caught up with me. I just thought I'd tell you that's all."

He filled his glass again, then handed the bottle to Sam.

"Now he's got the best bull in the mallee," said Sam.

"I'm going in for cattle," Mick explained.

"The mallee isn't suitable for cattle, is it?" I asked.

"Where I got 'em it is. You come round some day. I'll show you."

I could hear a blue wren friend of ours twittering outside the window, and I said quickly to Olive, "He's back again. Quick. Throw some cheese crumbs out of the window."

"What the hell are you talking about?" demanded Mick.

I explained that we fed the birds around the caravan, and that this blue wren had become quite tame.

"What do you think of that, Sam?" asked Mick, nudging him. "It's birds, now."

He turned to me. "Ask me about birds. I've lived in the mallee all my life. Ask me anything you like about birds. Go on."

"I know the mallee birds," I said, "but I tell you how you could help me. I don't know the names of many trees in the mallee. Do you know them?"

He nudged the sleepy Sam a second time. "What do you think of that, Sam? He asks me do I know the names of the trees round here."

He leant back with the air of an authority about to be questioned by a child. "Go on. Ask me."

I described several trees as well as I could, but my descriptions must have been inadequate, for he rose from the table—our meal was finished—and said, "I'll be back." He pushed Sam. "Come on, Sam. Out you get."

Sam rose obediently and stepped out ahead of him. They untied the reins from the wheel of the buggy, and with a final "We'll be back" from Mick, they climbed into the seat and drove away.

"What the deuce do they think they're doing?" I murmured, as I watched them disappear up the road.

I looked at Olive, but I could see by her troubled expression that she associated their disappearance with highway robbery under arms, so I laughed and kissed her, then thrust her from me and said sternly, holding a spoon revolver fashion, "Stand back. Not a move out of you. Give me your quandong sonas and your two tortoise shells. Step on it."

They were back in half an hour. The back of the buggy was loaded with the branches of trees. While Sam tied the reins to the wheel, Mick spread the branches out on the ground.

"Now ask me," he said, with a patronising vanity.

I sat down on the ground beside the branches and selected one that was new to me. The leaves were a slate-green and drooped from the branchlets.

"Well, what's this?" I asked.

Mick smiled tolerantly. "Go on, Sam. Tell him," he said, as if he were a teacher granting a privilege to a favoured pupil.

Sam looked troubled. He picked up the limb and examined it carefully. He moved uncomfortably, and muttered, "I used to know all the trees once."

"Go on," said Mick implacably. "Tell us what it is."

He smiled complacently and jerked his head toward Sam. "He calls himself a bushman," he mocked.

Sam was marshalling his hazy thoughts for a great effort.

"It's a drooping tree," he said, "therefore it must be of the drooping kind."

"What's wrong with you!" exploded Mick. "You've just said a thing that's wrong. Any tree growing over water droops. You'll have to cut yourself out as a bushman if you can't pick that. I won't give you much longer."

"It's the umbrella tree," pronounced Sam, with a show of confidence.

"Umbrella tree, be damned!" exclaimed Mick. "It's a sandalwood." He shook his head and clucked in disgust at Sam's lack of knowledge.

"I think we'll have another drink," said Sam.

"No, we won't," said Mick. "We'll stop here and pick trees."

"What's this one?" I held up another branch.

"Come on, Sam," said Mick. "Surely you know this one."

"That's the umbrella tree," muttered the unhappy Sam.

Mick laughed scornfully. "The mallee willow." He gave its name with a contemptuous gesture.

"I used to know them all," Sam felt under an obligation to explain his ignorance.

"Sam, you ought to be done away with. It would be a kindness," said Mick, and proceeded to name all the branches on the ground.

"Quandong, ming, wild cherry, blue mallee, belah, bull-oak, pine, mallee poplar and ti-tree. Now you know them all."

"Have you ever seen a mallee hen's nest?" asked Sam hopefully, determined to redeem himself.

"No," I said.

"We'd give anything to see one," said Olive eagerly.

"I'll drive you out to see one tomorrow," said Sam, with new confidence.

He turned his back contemptuously on the speechless Mick. "Mick doesn't know where there's any. I do."

SAM was suffering a hang-over when he arrived next morning to take us to the lowan's nest. He explained, as we climbed into the buggy, that he had first of all to call back at his house where several neighbours were waiting the return from Mildura of a farmer they had commissioned to buy them tobacco.

Tobacco was at most unobtainable and these men were in a state of restless discontent after a week without a smoke.

Sam's despairful expression was not altogether due to the lack of tobacco, though he appreciated the cigarette I gave him.

The men were gathered together in a little group when we arrived at Sam's house. Two men sitting on the shafts of a weather-beaten dray rose as we trotted through the gap in the brushwood fence. Those standing turned and they all faced us, not with curiosity, but with some quality of expectancy in their attitude.

"Any news of him?" one of them asked Sam, who had pulled in beside them.

"Not a sign of him," said Sam. "He oughter be here by now. What's happened him? What the hell's happened him?"

He leant forward with his elbows on his knees, the reins slack in his hands. "I don't know what's happened him."

I climbed down from the buggy. "I've got a bit here," I said. "There enough for a smoke all round" and I pulled out my tobacco tin.

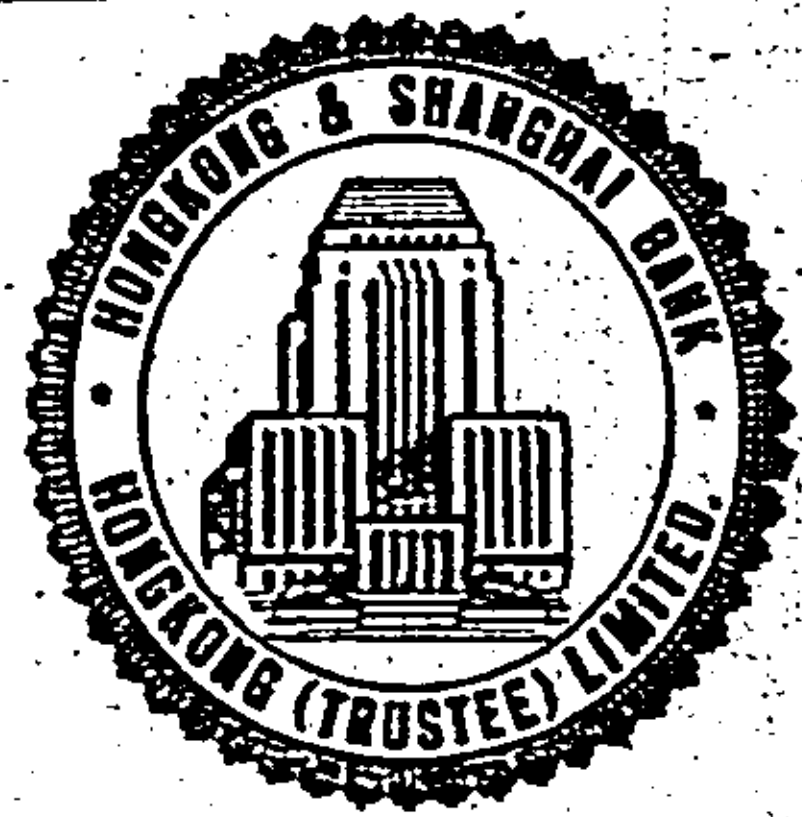
None of the men moved.

"You keep it, mate," said one. "We don't want to take your tobacco. You hang on to it."

"We'll get plenty soon," said another, who had been smoking a crumpled cigarette made from the crumbs of tobacco he had shaken from his pocket. "We won't take yours."

"We're going to have a cigarette all round," I insisted. "If you get plenty later I'll bot a cigarette off the lot of you."

I handed the tin to the nearest man. "Well," he said, a little confused. "I won't say no when you put it that way."



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Some change came over the men. A tension left them. They gathered round the man with the tin and they smiled and talked to each other like children at a distribution of prizes. Before, each man had been isolated from his fellows in some dismal place where only words could penetrate. But now their glances were warm and their silences were as eloquent as words, friendly words, as those between brother and brother. They were not alone any longer.

They rolled their cigarettes and took that first, deep draw, that draft of smoke, soothing as sleep, which smooths the face of worry. Some closed their eyes and let the escaping smoke drift from their nostrils in a blissful stillness. They gave exclamations and sighs of content, and one man said, "Christ!"

Later in the morning a car moved out of the mallee, and drew into the yard.

"Any luck?" The men crowded round the car.

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Programme News

JANE AUSTEN

'NEW JUDGMENT'—'Elizabeth Bowen on Jane Austen' in the Eastern Service on Tuesday at 10.30 p.m. has been taken from the BBC's Third Programme and is an appraisal by a present-day British woman novelist of her delightful and witty forerunner of the early 19th century. Jane Austen's home life and literary development are firmly sketched for listeners, and dramatised extracts from some of her books complete the picture very clearly. The part of the charming Miss Austen, whose work stands alone for its wit and exactitude of character delineation, is played by Celia Johnson. Carleton Hobbs is the narrator of this scholarly and entertaining programme.

'THE WARDEN'

ANTHONY TROLLOPE'S novel 'The Warden' has been dramatised by H. Oldfield Box and will be produced in 'Radio Drama' this week by Howard Rose. Set in the charming mid-Victorian cathedral town of Barchester in the West of England, this was the first of Trollope's Barchester novels. It introduces to us for the first time two Barchester characters, kindly and unworldly Mr. Septimus Harding, Precentor of the Cathedral, and his stately and somewhat worldly son-in-law Archdeacon Grantley. ((Eastern: Sunday, 10.30 p.m.))

ISLAND OF PUFFINS

A NOT VERY far-flung outpost of Great Britain is the subject of a BBC feature broadcast on Friday at 5.00 p.m. in the General Overseas Service, when listeners will be taken to Lundy, an island off the North-West coast of Devon. During the greater part of the year there is only one link with Lundy, and that is Skipper George Irwin of Ilfracombe, who makes the trip from the mainland in his Cornish lugger, 'The Girl Joyce'. Lundy has no aids to modern living such as cable, telephone, and regular mail service; the coastguard lookout, as a special favour, will radio a message saying that 'The Girl Joyce' is on her way. Frank Gillard made the twenty-four mile crossing a few months ago to record the people there.

Sunday, December 5

Eastern Service.

P.M.

10.30 RADIO DRAMA 'The Warden'—Dramatised from Anthony Trollope's novel by H. Oldfield Box. General Overseas Service.

B.B.C. Highlights

A.M.

10.15 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS—Band of the Royal Artillery (Mounted).

10.45 CHURCHES AT WORSHIP—6: 'Village Methodism in Berkshire,' by R. G. Burnett.

11.15 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE—BBC Variety Orchestra, conductor: Rae Jenkins, with Lorely Dyer.

11.45 BANDS WITHIN BANDS—The Sidney Bright Septet from Gerald's Orchestra.

P.M.

12.30 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—BBC Symphony Orchestra Conducted and presented by Sir Adrian Boult. Symphony No. 5 in D. Vaughan Williams.

Scenes from 'Job': A Masque for Dancing, founded on Blake's 'Illustration of the Book of Job' (dedicated to Sir Adrian Boult) Vaughan Williams.

2.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—from a London studio, conducted by the Rev. Francis House.

2.30 Frederick Grinke (Canadian violinist).

2.45 FOOTBALL RESULTS.

4.15 GENERALLY SPEAKING 'In My Experience'—Sir Robert Watson-Watt.

4.30 SUNDAY SERVICE—from St. Paul's Cathedral, London, conducted by the Rev. Charles Moxon, Minor Canon and Sacrist of St. Paul's.

8.15 'ITMA'.

8.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN.

9.15 MELODY TIME—Gerald and his Concert Orchestra.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 CONCERTO Richard Strauss's—Oboe Concerto, played by Leon Goossens and the BBC Scottish Orchestra, conductor, Ian Whyte. Programme also includes Borodin's Symphony No. 1 in E flat.

11.30 'For the Service of Mankind'—A dramatic feature by Howard Jones on the work of the St. John Ambulance Cadets, ending with a short talk by the Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

Monday, December 6

Eastern Service.

P.M.

10.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield—A comment on letters to his son and godson by Professor Bonamy Dobree. General Overseas Service.

P.M.

1.30 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS—Band of the Royal Artillery (Mounted).

3.15 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL—Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins and Lorely Dyer (soprano).

3.45 MAINLY FOR WOMEN.

4.15 CRADLE TO GRAVE 'Maturity'—The Soldier: Third of four programmes describing Britain's new Social Security System, written by John Harries.

5.00 CELEBRITY RECITAL—Jascha Spivakovsky (piano).

6.15 ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD.—Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (gramophone records).

7.15 MARY MACLEOD—(Australian pianist).

8.45 BRITISH INDUSTRY—A talk by William Holt.

9.15 MUSICAL MEMORIES—played by the Melachrino Orchestra.

10.15 Eric Barker in 'THE WATERLOGGED SPA'.

10.15 STRADIVARI ORCHESTRA—Directed by Michael Spivakovsky.

Tuesday, December 7

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

10.30 NEW JUDGMENT Elizabeth Bowen—on JANE AUSTEN with Celia Johnson as Jane Austen and Carleton Hobbs as the narrator.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

9.15 LET'S MAKE MUSIC—Eric Winstone and his Orchestra, with Roy Marsh, Leslie Howard Julie Dawn, and The Quartet, and Tito Burns and his Sextet.

10.00 GENERALLY SPEAKING—A talk from the BBC Home Services.

10.15 TIP-TOP TUNES—Gerald and his Orchestra.

11.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Theatre Orchestra Sylvia Robin (soprano) Robert Irwin (Baritone) Conductor: Walter Goehr 'Music for Shakespeare.'

P.M.

12.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—with Derek Roy, Doreen Harris, Bill Kerr, Eric James and George Myddleton. Valerie and Day, Ronald Chesney, and The Humoursques.

2.15 JAN BERENSKA—and his Orchestra Eveline Stevenson (soprano).

5.00 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Constant Lambert

Lenau's Faust: Procession by Night; Dance in Village Inn... Liszt.

5.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield—A comment on letters to his son and godson by Professor Bonamy Dobree.

8.15 TO TOWN WITH TERRY—with Peter Dawson, Claude Hulbert, Ruth Dunning, April, May, and June and Terry Thomas BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Rae Jenkins.

8.45 BRITISH FARMER—'Feeding the Dairy Herd' A talk by Clyde Higgs.

9.15 LET'S MAKE MUSIC.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Wednesday, December 8

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

9.15 ANNE SHELTON.

10.15 ARTHUR BIRKBY OCTET—with Billy Mayerl (piano) and Roland Robson (baritone).

11.45 STAR VARIETY—Maudie Edwards and Eddie Carroll.

P.M.

1.00 'THE CLOCK STRIKES EIGHT'—by John Dickson-Carr.

1.45 AS THE COMMENTATOR SAW IT—Rugby Union: Oxford v. Cambridge, at Twickenham. Commentator, Rex Alston.

5.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME Mozart and Haydn—Gwen Catley and Nora Gruhn (sopranos)

George James (bass) London Baroque Ensemble Divertimento in G for flute, two horns, two violins, viola, violoncello, and double-bass.

Haydn (recorded repeat of first performance)

Adagio for two clarinets and three basses horns

Six Nocturns for two sopranos and bass, with three bass-horns

Mozart

Divertimento in C for flute, oboe, two horns, two clarinets, two violas, violoncello, and double-bass

Haydn (recorded repeat of first performance)

Programme arranged and conducted by Karl Haas.

6.00 REPORT FROM BRITAIN.

7.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

8.15 BANDS WITHIN BANDS—Nat Temple, his Clarinet and his Quartet, from the Nat Temple Orchestra.

8.30 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE—BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor.

Rae Jenkins with Victor Newbury.
9.15 'THE YUKON TRAIL'—A feature programme produced by Michael Barkway.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 BAND PARADE.

Thursday, December 9

EASTERN SERVICE

A.M.

9.30 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Charles Groves Symphony No. 4 in A (The Italian) Mendelssohn

10.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN.

11.15 MANTOVANI—and his Orchestra.

P.M.

1.00 ARTHUR BIRKBY OCTET.

3.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult Symphony No. 1 in C.....Beethoven

3.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN.

7.15 STAR VARIETY—with Ronald Chesney and Steve Conway. Introduced by Derek Baker.

7.30 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Arwel Hughes.

9.00 THE NEWS.

9.15 ACCORDEON CLUB—George Scott-Wood and his Accordion Band.

10.00—RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—(see Sunday, 04.30).

11.30 THE BRAINS TRUST—Resident Team: Collin Brooks, Kingsley Martin, and Wilson Harris. Question-Master: Gilbert Harding.

Friday, December 10

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

11.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

P.M.

12.30 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

1.00 'ITMA'.

1.45 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

2.15 CELEBRITY RECITAL Jascha Spivakovsky (piano).

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use during the week.

2.45 ANNE SHELTON.
3.15 'MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH'.
4.30 IN BRITAIN NOW—A National Magazine.
5.00 ISLAND OF PUFFINS Lundy—Frank Gillard speaks from the island by radio link, Lockwood West introduces recordings made on the island.
5.30 NEW RECORDS—Presented by Spike Hughes.

7.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sidney Torch.
9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
9.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Charles Groves Symphony No. 1 in C minor....Brahms
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Saturday, December 11

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

10.15 'MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH'

10.45 MAINLY FOR WOMEN.

P.M.

12.30 'THE WATERLOGGED SPA'.

1.00 BOYD NEEL ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Boyd Neel.

2.00 THE NEWS.

2.10 THE DAILY SERVICE.

5.00 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS'—by Charles Dickens 'The Princess With No Heart'.

5.30 SCOTTISH MAGAZINE.

6.00 WORLD AFFAIRS.

7.15 HARRY ISAACS AND YORK BOWEN—at two pianos.

7.30 'THE CLOCK STRIKES EIGHT'—by John Dickson-Carr.

8.30 'MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH'.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 REG PURSGLOVE—and his Music Makers.

10.50 DANCE MUSIC.

11.05 SATURDAY SPORT—including commentary on Association Football: Middlesbrough v. Aston Villa.

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Talking about Films

One-Man Show By James Stewart

By FRED MAJDALANY

CALL NORTHSIDE 777" may easily revive the legend, long since exploded, that newspaper reporting is a colourful and rewarding vocation.

Its method is the semi-documentary one successfully used in "Naked City."

Its story—true one—is an account of a miscarriage of justice which ended in Illinois a year ago when a free pardon was granted to a man who had served 15 years of a life sentence for a murder he didn't commit.

Its central character is the Chicago reporter whose efforts brought the case to a successful conclusion.

It begins when reporter McNeal (James Stewart) is sent by his news editor to follow up a small ad. insert in a personal column by the convict's mother.

One clue leads to another. McNeal's assignment turns out to require the acumen of Sherlock Holmes, the faith of a crusader, and the toughness of Rip Kirby. By the time he has finished he has become the champion of the weak, the scourge of corrupt officialdom, democracy's stoutest defender, and very nearly George Washington—all this besides filling the front page of his paper with a daily account of his progress.

Oddly enough, the only respect in which McNeal seems to fall short is in his reporting. The examples we are shown hint at a commonplace approach to the writing of English prose. From an acting point of view this is a one-man show, and the dry, boyish waywardness of James Stewart seems outstandingly right.

The film is not quite the thundering classic its sponsors would have you believe. But it is a most satisfactory thriller, generously streaked with class, much of which is due to the vital direction of Henry Hathaway.

AS long as you are not specially allergic to cows, you can hardly fail to wallow happily in "Red River", a huge, red-blooded, cowboy picture full of all the right qualities.

It is by "Covered Wagon" out of "The Overlanders," if you want its precise pedigree, and it describes a 1,000-mile drive of 10,000 cattle from Texas to Abilene in the days when that sort of thing went on.

The drive is made harder because the tough leader (John Wayne) and his sullen subordinates can never agree about just where they are going. So, besides having to kill numerous Indians they are constantly having to kill one another too.

The film is richly endowed with such bloodshed, besides offering an impressive cattle stampede and some lovely photography. And for once the boyish fun is singularly free from interference by females.

There is one right at the beginning who barely has time to be renounced by John Wayne before the Indians get her. There is another just before the end. This one is caught smartly near the apex of her shoulder strap by an Indian arrow, which passes through the skin and out the other side.

This, is occurred to me in passing, is one practical solution to that shoulder-strap trouble which seems to afflict even the shyest of our woman friends from time to time.

"ANOTHER SHORE" should finally dispose of the idea that an atmosphere of hilarious whimsy is created merely by making people talk Irish and behave foolishly.

It is about a young Dubliner (Robert Beatty) who lives in a mackintosh and wishes to retire to a South Sea island. To raise the fare he spends day after day at the town's worst traffic spot waiting for accidents. His idea is that if he can render first aid to a rich casualty the casualty may produce the cash.

He is obstructed in this design by a young woman who keeps driving up in a sports car and asking him to marry her.

This unfunny whimsy is supported by the flattest dialogue and a sort of doomed determination to be funny in an Irish manner.

TOO FEW STARS FOR TOO MANY BRITISH FILMS

By CECIL WILSON

Crisis follows crisis in the British film industry. The worries go on even when the State's Film Finance Company comes forward with loans like the £1,000,000 announced as a leg-up for Korda pictures.

You can always count on something to hold up production. If it isn't lack of money it's lack of studio space.

No Names, No Pack

Now there is a surplus of studio space (Warner Brothers are closing down at Teddington because no independent producer can be found to make pictures there) a new crisis looms up—shortage of stars.

Production plans are piling up at an impressive rate, but the number of box-office names is not growing in proportion and producers are finding it a desperate job to spin out the supply.

The Rank studios are hardest hit, for the simple reason that they make the bulk of Britain's pictures. In the next quota year they plan to make 60, compared with 45 in the current one. But where they are going to find all the stars to put them over is another matter.

Hollywood's Envy

The near stars—feature and small-part players—raise no problem. Their abundance, in fact, is the wonder and

envy of Hollywood. It is the people who can pack a cinema that are so scarce.

You can count them on just about two hands. Among the men are John Mills, Laurence Olivier, Michael Wilding, Stewart Granger, Robert Donat, and Jack Warner; among the women, Margaret Lockwood, Anna Neagle, Ann Todd, Patricia Roc, and Jean Simmons.

These stars are working harder today than they have ever worked before. Where they used to make two pictures a year they now make three, and in many cases four and five.

Producers are registering films a year ahead to stake their claim on one or other of the precious few who can be counted on to pull the public in. Sometimes all they have in mind is a title. The script, director and other details can wait. It is the star that matters.

Margaret Lockwood's filming dates look like the belle of the ball's dance card. She is booked up for the next two years.

As the big names become booked up so the demand increases for the stars-to-be and the people who stay just on the fringe of stardom. Consider, for example, 19-year-old Susan Shaw. This little girl from the Sydney Box Company of Youth (now part of the



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Rank Charm School) will be seen in eight new Box pictures between now and the middle of next year. She is already booked for one beginning next June.

David Tomlinson has six on his list and Kathleen Harrison five.

Swapping Stars

The Rank producers meet every Friday to battle over the desk for box-office names or to trade one for another. ("You can have Lockwood next March if I can have Simmons in May.") Sometimes they meet two or three times in between.

"If you don't plan far ahead—like this you find yourself right out of the running these days," says Sydney Box, chief of Gainsborough Pictures, with a £3,000,000 annual budget of films which he must stud with stars.

The production boost is creating a tremendous new opportunity for the budding Lockwood or Mills.

CHRISTMAS BOOKSHELF

By F.G. PRINCE-WHITE

Writing for children is a deceptive art; it is so much more difficult than it seems.

At its best it demands a wizardry in the blending of fact and fantasy that is possible only to imaginations of a rare kind. If you must the mixture be sure your sin—or, at any rate, your young reader—will find you out.

Those writers who properly appreciate this will always get a flying start in what is becoming a very crowded race for juvenile favour. Christmas is the time when that favour is most clearly indicated.

What will the youngsters like best? What will be voted not merely "jolly good" but "super!"?

Boys want quick action, suspense, an all-in fight or two, shivers down the spine now and again—and plenty of loud laughs.

For all these reasons I think they will like Norman Dale's *Mystery Christmas* (The Bodley Head, 7s.). Here is a book by a writer who knows what boys want. One can see them licking their lips at the mere sight of such chapter headings as "Discovery in a Cellar" and "Enter the Mystery Man!"

Four boys discover a miser's board, and run foul of a couple of desperadoes. There's the plot in a nutshell—which young teeth will crack with avidity.

Then there is *Holiday River* (Dodd, 6s.)—a strangely quiet-sounding title for a first-class story by a writer of full-scale thrillers for grown-ups, Gladys Mitchell.

This book will get top marks from girls as well as boys, for its most effective character is a girl—a school hockey captain who is not to be daunted by a whole gang of villainous smugglers that she and a party of holiday-making friends encounter on the Norfolk Broads.

Although its pace is not at all breathless, *The Stolen Jewels* by Virginia Fye (Faber, 8s. 6d.), have qualities—simplicity and lucidity among them—that give even its excitement a special savour.

If it is pure fantasy that's wanted there's a most delightful sample of it in *Down the Bright Stream*, by "BB" (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 12s. 6d.).

This book—all about the escapades of gnomes with the delicious names of Dodder, Baldmoney, Cloudberry, and Sneezewort—will certainly be clamoured for by every child who has read its predecessor, "The Little Grey Men." Its illustrations, by Denys Watkins-Pitchford, are a joy.

I would add two other specimens of the completely fanciful which are otherwise quite dissimilar and, indeed, separated by more than 600 years.

One is that universally known European children's classic *The Amazing Pranks of Master Till Eulenspiegel* in a very attractive new edition (Parrish, 8s. 6d.), and the other the *Teddy Tail Annual* (7s. 6d.), a chronicle, merrily pictured as usual, of fresh adventures of the *Daily Mail's* long-famous children's friend and pet.

Boys and girls of all ages will insist on having the new *Daily Mail Annual* (7s. 6d.). Its puzzle and games for parties alone would make it a grand Christmas present—say nothing of its big sheaf of stories and its articles that deal with all sorts of subjects (from the Christmas stars to horse-sense!) and its splendid coloured plates.

For the young mind that thirsts for knowledge as well as hungers after entertainment there is a wider choice than ever before.

In innumerable cases it will narrow down to two books that are strikingly unusual and which embody a true inspiration; these are the first and second volumes of *Look and Learn*, an entirely new pictorial encyclopaedia (7s. 6d. each) in the *Daily Mail School Aid Publications* series.

The first contains more than 800 pictures and 20,000 fascinating facts about a multiplicity of things ranging from cocoa and caterpillars to films and newspapers; the second, similarly bulging with photographs and information, has a special section telling the wonderful story of Australia.

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New Books

To Ireland Again With 'Odd Man Out' Green

By Peter Quennell

Whether they like it or like it not, the Film and the Novel are destined as years go by to see more and more of one another. The result should be mutually advantageous. Each is in a somewhat unhealthy state; each possesses qualities of which the other stands in urgent need.

The Film needs a background of human intelligence; the Novel, that gift of portraying life in movement, of combining broad and dramatic effects with clever use of detail, which gives its power over our emotions to the better type of screen play.

Most novels are too loosely constructed, too leisurely, and much too woody. The average film, even the average good film, has far too little light-and-shade.

I am always interested, therefore, in novels that seem to reveal the influence of modern film-technique. Here are two: *Mist on the Waters*, by F. L. Green, and *The Conspirator*, by Humphrey Slater. F. L. Green's previous book, "Odd Man Out," has already been translated into terms of celluloid by a brilliant English film-director, Humphrey Slater's story, when it appeared in America, was at once snapped up by Hollywood.

Both books have obvious pictorial merits, but also, it must be admitted some accompanying defects.

In "Mist on the Waters," a drama of crime and punishment, F. L. Green again chooses a setting amid the slums of Belfast. His chief characters are a pair of small-time crooks who blunder into blackmail, but are horrified by the repercussions of their crime as soon as they have brought it off.

The tale is told clearly and graphically, without superfluous use of words. The novelist sees what he sets out to describe, but he is less successful in his treatment of individual thoughts and feelings. An uncommonly readable production, but, lacking a firm grasp of psychology, not so impressive as its predecessor.

That Hollywood scouts should have pounced on "The Conspirator" does not

at all surprise me; for the theme is topical and sensational, though handled in a lucid, amusing, and unpretentious manner. We meet Major the Honourable Desmond Furneaux-Lightfoot, a young officer of the Brigade of Guards, only to learn that he is a secret Communist agent and involved in just such a web of conspiracy as was recently disentangled at the Canadian spy trials.

The story develops with the speed of a well-directed film, and with something of the vividness. What it does not provide is any insight into the devils' mental processes that induced this rich, efficient, conventional young man to betray his king and country and acquiesce in the attempted "liquidation" of his youthful and attractive wife.

Why? we ask ourselves again and again. And, because the novelist consistently fails to respond, I find his narrative exciting but not altogether satisfying.

My Friend H. is an apt title, if at first sight rather mystifying; for, although John Cam Hobhouse lived to a good old age, had a distinguished parliamentary career, and at length received a peerage, nobody could quite forget that he had once been Byron's great friend.

Like many loyal and devoted friends, he was not without his weaknesses. His virtues were many, but grace was not among them. He was often singularly ungracious, and at times a trifle patronising. "This singular young person..." he once remarked of Byron. And soon after his own marriage, "It has come round to me from several quarters that Julia says she enjoys perfect happiness; some folk are easily pleased."

I recommend Michael Joyce's biography to every reader who enjoys taking a meditative stroll round an unusual personality. You may laugh at "My Friend H." and vote him an insufferable prig, but before your stroll is at an end discover that, in spite of yourself, you have come to love and understand him.

Quick Looks

Farewell, Happy Fields, by Norah Hoult. (Heinemann, 10s. 6d.)

Adam owed his Creator a grudge and determined to get his own back by going to hell gradually and imperceptibly but as thoroughly as possible. After many years he found the pace too slow, and decided to accelerate the process of damnation by maiming or murdering his infant son. Oddly enough, the story has a happy ending. Norah Hoult is a fine novelist; but this is not her best book.

The Tongue-tied Canary, by Nicolas Bentley. (Michael Joseph, 8s. 6d.) Talent is seldom transmitted; but the son of the author of "Trent's Last Case," himself a delightful comic draughtsman, has here produced a most ingenious thriller.

The Voyage of the Luna I., by David Craigie. (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 6s.)

Children on a voyage to the moon. One of the best juvenile adventure-stories that have reached me for a long time.

Time Was Away, by Alan Ross and John Minton. (John Lehmann, 21s.)

Writer and artist have worked in close collaboration to make this survey of the sweet-scented island of Corsica something new and refreshing among contemporary travel books.

The Book of Flying, edited by Carlton Wallace. (Evans Bros., 12s. 6d.)

Though planned for teen-age readers, this introduction of flying should also appeal to a far more grown-up public. Nearly 240 large pages of text, diagrams, and coloured illustrations seem remarkably cheap at the price of 12s. 6d.

PETTICOAT INFLUENCE

A part of the social revolution that seems to have been overlooked by the chroniclers is the change in the habits of Will Hudson, hedger and ditcher, one of our Downland types.

Instead of taking his dinner out in-

to the fields in a red handkerchief as he once did, and as his father before him always did, he now carries it in an aluminium picnic tin, complete with greaseproof-paper lining and strap.

"Ah the W.I. done that," he will tell you as he sits in the long sere grass of a bank eating his midday meal. He still obstinately calls it his "grub," probably to his wife's disgust.

'Smashin,' He Says

His wife, he informs you, joined the local Women's Institute branch during the war. He says she learned to cook "like she never did afore."

As he talks he unwraps a tier of extremely well-cut, tasty-looking sandwiches. "Anchovy," he says with a very long "o." The filling turns out to be the sauce, not the fish. "Smashin'," he says it is.

He washes them down with gulps of hot cocoa from a vacuum flask, and that is something new in his life, too. For years he worked on cold tea.

What the Women's Institutes are doing for rural England is beyond assessment. It is not yet feasible to claim, for instance, that they are stopping the drift from the land or that they are capable of doing so.

But if the women of the villages are happier in their homes and among their neighbours for belonging to the W.I., then the men of the villages are likely to be more contented in their jobs. The logic is that of our local branch's "Madam President."

She is probably right. The Women's Institute movement is contributing, undoubtedly, to both those desirable conditions.

A Home Drive

Though it has improved some of our housewives' cooking, the branch, 37 members strong, has not banished the smell of boiled cabbage from the village. It has quite possibly reduced the quantity of cabbage water poured mistakenly down our sinks. "Madam President" herself gave a lecture recently on "Vegetable Salts and Their Value."

Our W.I.'s most positive achievement this autumn has been to put things into our village store-cupboards that have not been found in them for a long time, and that without benefit of Flack Market. There has been a home-production drive.

An inventory would probably show that, among other things, the village is lush just now with marrow jam. An accompanying census of local tastes would almost certainly disclose, also, how few of us care about marrow jam.

Without A Jar

It has been a good plum and damson year. As a consequence, a jam-jar shortage was reported. Our W.I. branch took charge of the emergency with its customary briskness. Another consequence may be that this winter you will be offered jam or preserve from a jar that a few months back was used for bringing tiddlers in from the brooks.

You may be squeamish. Our W.I. ladies are not. They had a lecturer down the other afternoon to speak on "Humorous Philosophy," and anyway, they are strong on hygiene. Their shining faces show that.

REGINALD POUND.

General Knowledge Answers

- Four, excluding the former German West Africa, under mandate. They are: Cape of Good Hope; Natal, The Transvaal, and Orange Free State.
- The Colonial Office.
- The Rt. Hon. J. Westwood.
- As the crow flies, 603 miles; by road approximately 900 miles.
- 8,393 miles.
- Six hours, one minute, from Gandar to Rineanna, Eire, by Constellation.
- The Lower Zambesi, which is 12,064 feet long.
- The sum of £527,808 was set aside by Lord and Lady Inchcape in memory of their daughter to accumulate for not more than 50 years and then to be applied to reduction of the national debt.

ous—and extremely pleasant. They are books that would make a boy forget his Christmas pudding.

RAPID REVIEWS

The Tall Green House, written and illustrated by Neave Parker (Garthorn, 21s.). A special gift for any boy or girl who is particularly interested in natural history.

Getting to Know Your Pony, by Lionel Edwards (Collins, 10s. 6d.). Tells young riders all they ought to know about their first mounts and how to look after them.

The Third Holiday Book, by Enid Blyton (Sampson Low, 12s. 6d.). A score of stories for the smaller members of the family.

Teddy Tail's Book of Children's Songs (2s. 6d.). Just the thing for the Christmas party.

SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1948.

In Paris the United Nations are discussing the Greek troubles. In Athens the Government is shaking under threatened crisis. In the House of Commons Mr. Bevin has refused to state how many British troops there are in particular areas of Greece. Our Special Correspondent in Athens answers the question—

WHY ARE OUR TROOPS STILL IN GREECE?

BY KEITH BUTLER

Four years ago British troops landed in Occupied Greece. They came to chase out the retreating Germans and bring liberation and recovery to the starved 7,000,000 Greek people.

Within less than two months the British troops in Greece were in action again, this time to protect the Greek people from a plot to impose by force a Communist Government.

Since then the Communists in Greece and the Cominform Powers over the Greek frontiers have allowed the Greeks not a moment's respite in which to rebuild their shattered country.

Only British and American aid has enabled the Greeks to resist the Russian-generated Communist pressure and to begin the work of reconstruction so far as guerrilla terrorism and sabotage will allow.

There are now just over 4,000 operational British troops in the country, two-thirds of whom are in the area of Salonika in Northern Greece.

There is also a British Military Mission about 1,000 strong, most of whom are officers. Their job has been, and still is the reorganisation, training and equipment of the Greek Army.

Guerilla Tactics

For the British training there has been nothing but praise, though the organisation and equipment have been strongly criticised as following the normal British Army pattern, without taking into consideration the special nature of the Greek military problem —

the entirely mountainous nature of the terrain and the guerrilla tactics of the enemy.

But without British help since 1944 there would probably have been no Greek Army and no Free Greece. The Iron Curtain would have swallowed Greece, too.

But what are the 4,000 operational troops still doing in Greece after four years? There has been constant pressure for their withdrawal, from Russia and her Cominform satellites in the United Nations Assemblies, from Communists and fellow-travellers at home and abroad, and from sections of the Labour Party in Parliament. But the British Government has resisted all pressure and demands.

British Role

Our troops' role is quite clear in the present guerrilla war. On February 23 this year, Mr. McNeill stated in Parliament that "British troops will not become involved in fighting unless they are attacked, or unless their security is directly threatened."

So far that has not happened, though some British soldiers were killed and

wounded by guerrilla artillery fire on Salonika earlier this year. Their time is occupied with normal training and guard duties. And, unofficially, they are Britain's best ambassadors.

Why are they still here? On January 20 this year Mr. McNeill reminded the House of Commons that there were about 5,000 troops in Greece (less now, probably), "retained at the request of each Greek Government since the liberation of Greece."

During this period the Greek Government has also several times expressed its satisfaction at the continued presence of British troops in Greece and the hope that they will not be withdrawn until internal and external conditions so improve as to allow Greece full security.

Hypothetical

Technically the Greek Government can, if it is unable to maintain or restore order with the Greek forces at its command, request the British Government for the assistance of the British troops in Greece to do so.

But this is a hypothetical case, and such a request would have to be considered by the British Government on its own merits.

Mr. Bevin, in a speech in Parliament on February 25 this year, bluntly expressed the fundamental and most important reason for the continued presence of the British troops in Greece. He said:—

"We are prepared to withdraw the small detachment of British operational troops from Greece once her Northern neighbours honourably agree to leave Greece alone."

This is the crux of the problem. It was given weight last year when it became known that Yugoslavia was contemplating and preparing for a military coup d'etat with a lightning dash across the frontier to seize the Greek port of Salonika and part of Greek Macedonia and present the United Nations with a 'do-what-you-dare fait accompli'.

Military and diplomatic observers believe that it is the token presence of British troops in Greece, representing the British Government's lively interest in the independence of this small country that has prevented this and other probable acts of aggression against Greece.

The Greeks themselves believe that their freedom and independence are bound up with the continued presence of British troops in Greece.

CLUB FOOT LINKED TO VITAMIN LACK

The possibility that club feet in a child may be due partly to a vitamin deficiency in the mother has been advanced in America.

Dr. Steele Stewart of Honolulu told closing sessions of the Western Orthopedic Association last week that the deformity is partly hereditary, but heredity may not be the whole story.

"There is a definite possibility that it could be a vitamin deficiency in the mother during the fifth, sixth or seventh weeks of pregnancy," he said. "That may be before she even knows she's pregnant."

Research workers in Cincinnati have shown on experimental animals that deformities similar to club feet will result in the offspring if the mother is deprived of vitamins at an early stage in pregnancy.

A shortage of insulin and exposure to x-rays at that period, he said, may also produce deformity of the feet.

"In preparing for parenthood," he said, "a man should be careful whom he picks for his partner. And when he picks her, he should feed her properly."

In a study in Hawaii, Dr. Stewart

found that club feet occur more frequently in full-blooded Hawaiians than in any other group.

He reported it to be six times as prevalent in full-blooded Hawaiians and twice as prevalent in part-Hawaiians as in members of any other race.

Two thirds of the victims are boys. "The hereditary factors," he declared, "seem to be transmitted generally from a man through to his daughter to his grandson."

The direct cause seems to be a "lag" in the embryonic development of the unborn child. Foot muscles or bones, which ordinarily separate from the fifth to the seventh week, do not separate properly. The muscles may become attached to the wrong bones.

"Today," Dr. Stewart claimed, "we can take care of about 50 to 60 per cent of the affected children with braces or casts and splints. We can help an additional group with surgery."

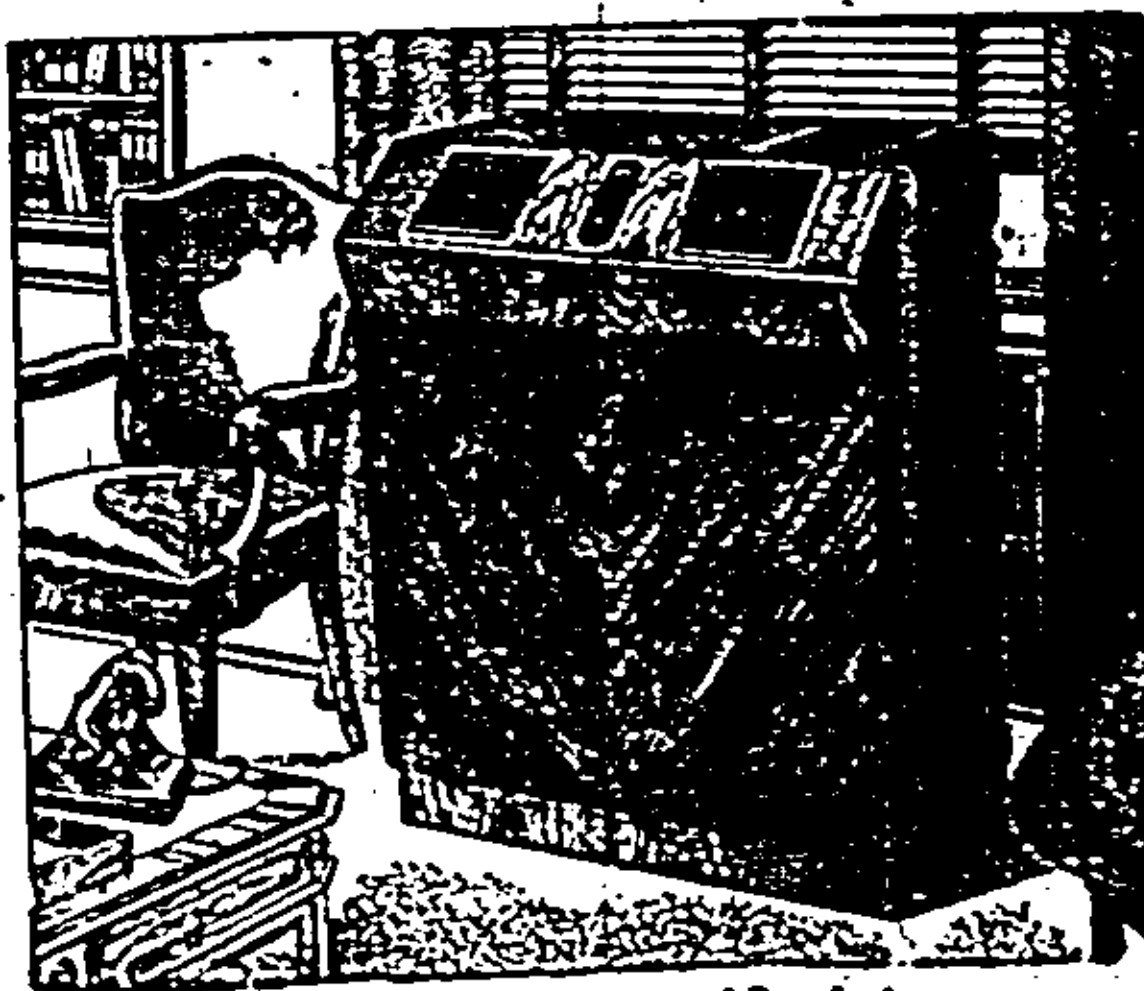
A total of 75 to 90 per cent can be relieved, he estimated.

"We can do only a substitute job for what Nature should have done," he said, "but the results are pretty good."

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Report to the nation

We have been asked by the National Glue Board to publish their audited accounts for the year ended October 15 last.

Under Para 7 of the Glue Act (1947) it is forbidden to show total receipts and outgoings, but the following figures indicate how every pound sterling received by the Board was absorbed: leaving a deficit of an unstated sum to be carried over to the Treasury.

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Cost of Raw Glue	0	11		
Salaries and wages of inspectors, public relations officers, zoning overseers, glue hostesses, chef, kitchen staff, and comforts	2	7		
Other expenses, including entertainers, depreciation of crockery, washing, and disinfectants	1	9		
National Glue Board lie	1	11		
Posters and handbills	1	11		
Upkeep of National Glue Queen (Miss Utter)	0	10		
Transport (limousines and cycles)	2	3		
Transport (aircraft)	3	6		
Good will visits of Chairmen and staff to foreign countries in sterling area	2	2		
Ditto, outside sterling area	2	6		
Office teas	1	11		
	20	0		
Loss on sale of National Glue			47	8

The foregoing summary covers all the widespread and multitudinous activities of the Board. There has been a vast increase in figures over the figures for a similar period last year, and it is confidentially hoped that the target will soon be struck, thereby enabling the Board to increase the ration of edible horseflesh available for meat-eaters today.

For The Gourmet

It is rumoured in influential nutrition circles that a life-size bust of Mr. Strachey, chiselled from a solid hunk of frosted Snork, the new laminated whale offal in sanitary aspect, is to form the table centre at next week's banquet given by the Worshipful Company of Fishknackers and Offalwainers, at Fishknackers' Hall, to celebrate the scarcity of edible horseflesh available for meat-eaters today.

The augmented brass band of the Fishknackers will play throughout the evening, and it is hoped that no less an epicure than Dr. Edith Summerskill herself will be present to welcome the 60 Eskimo foremen blubber-tasters who are being flown from Lapland in centrally cooled airliners specially for the occasion.

Neat

"Ray has a neat trick of stretching one-syllable words into two-syllable ones."—B.B.C. Announcer on a Boopity-Booper.

Sorry, No Virginian

"SMOKING KILLED 75."—Headline.

NEWS QUIZ

1. A worldwide Bill of Rights was born last week, proclaiming freedom and equality for everybody. Where did this historic event take place?
2. The danger of war has been greatly reduced, according to one of America's outstanding foreign affairs experts. Who is he?
3. Throughout Europe there has been for several days what has been described as a 'white black-out.' What is this term supposed to mean?
4. A new formula has been devised in an effort to produce a satisfactory compromise in the Berlin crisis. The man behind it was the Argentinian representative on the Security Council. Who is he?
5. The Government itemised the costs in the building of Leighton Hill Apartments. How much was spent on turfing?
6. The report that the wife of a prominent politician had left Nanking for Hong Kong was denied. The report concerned?

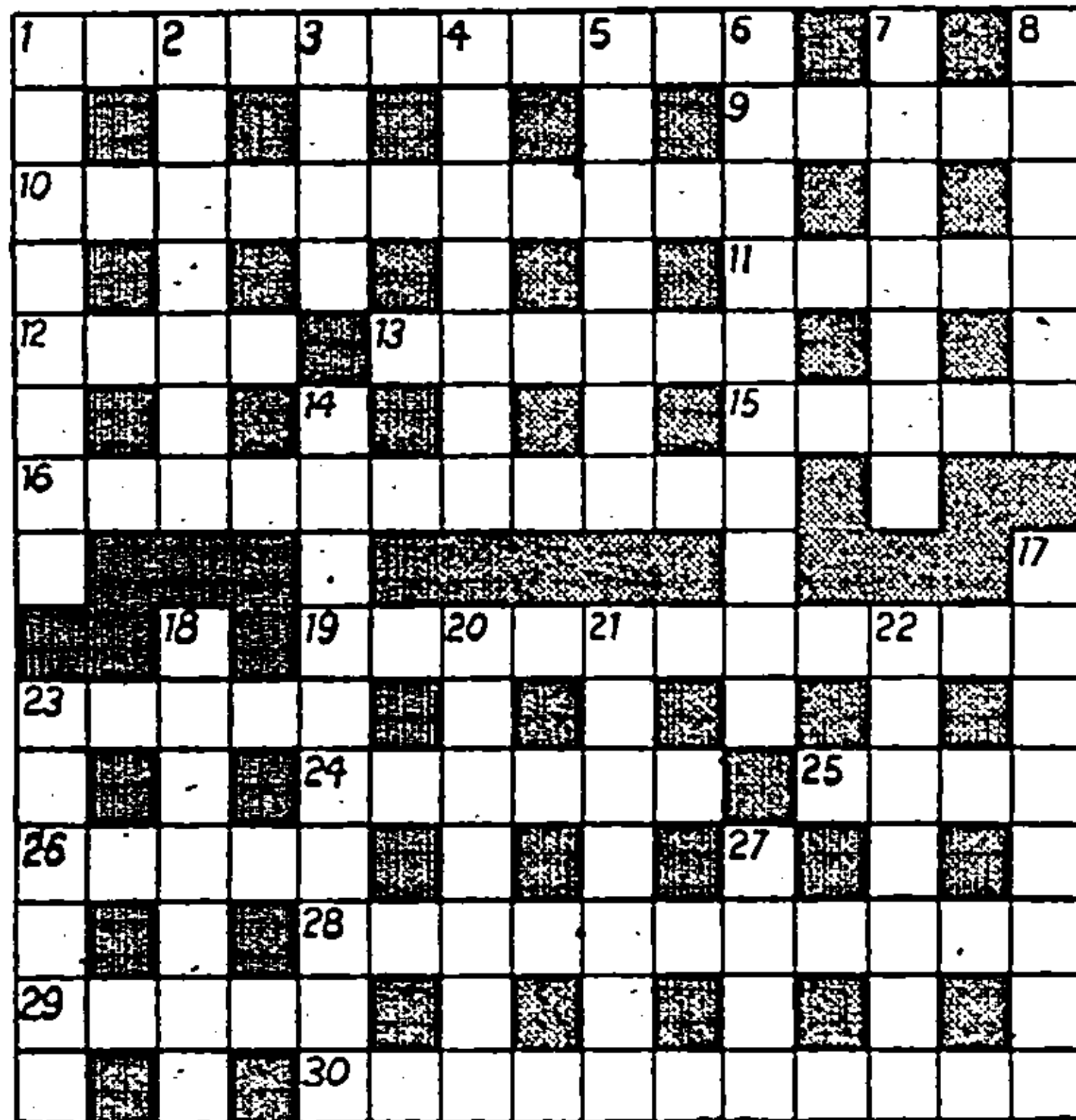
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. How many are the Provinces of the Union of South Africa and what are they called?
2. Under whose control do Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland come?
3. What is the name of the present Secretary for Scotland in the Labour Government?
4. The customary measurement of the Isle of Great Britain is from the site of John o' Groat's house near Duncansby Head, Caithness, to Land's End, Cornwall. What is the total distance in a straight line, and by road?
5. What would you estimate the air distance to be between London and Singapore? No prizes.
6. Do you know the record for the crossing of the Atlantic by a commercial aircraft?
7. Which is the world's longest railway bridge?
8. What is the Elsie Mackay Fund, and its purpose?

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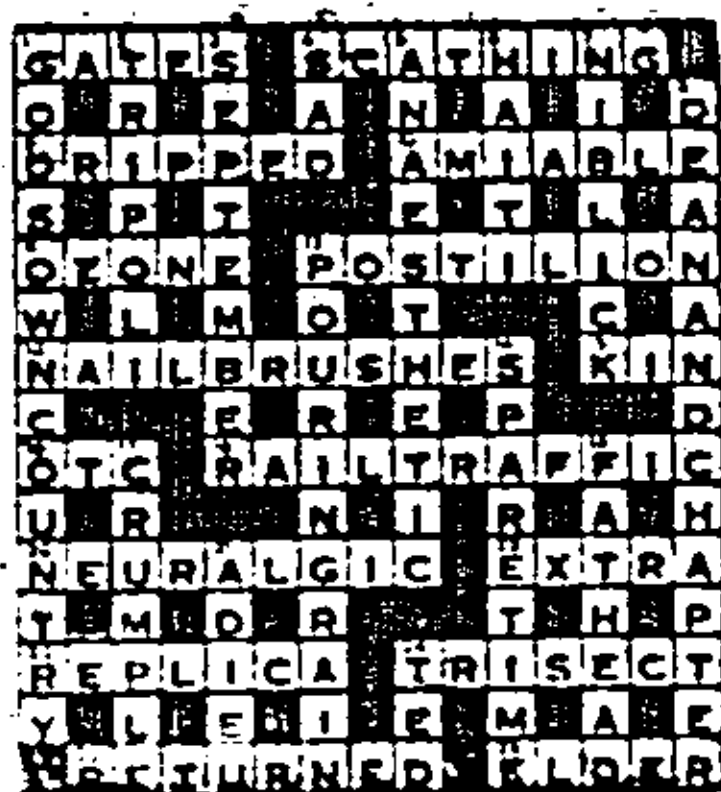
1. 9. Should one consult a commission agent to do this? (4, 4, 3, 5)
10. Fate's split. (5, 2, 4)
11. He was a brute to horses. (5)
12. Post Mr. O'Flaherty returns. (4)
13. The first part of the play is being performed. (6)
15. Either way it is h.d. (5)
16. Christian was shown "excellent things" at his house. (11)
19. Cuddle repeatedly in America on the level. (4, 3, 4)

23. Mill was no doubt good at such study. (5)
24. The famous flyer seems to keep his distance. (6)
25. Sherlock Holmes in real life, they say. (4)
26. This clothing material is a boring thing. (5)
28. I race a mile back first. (11)
- 29, 30. Here, in Shakespearean phrase, there's nectar. (5, 3, 3, 5)

DOWN

1. Come, trim, and do it again. (8)
2. This makes the sirens sound. (7)
3. It looks genuine. (4)
4. Not always a bureaucrat. (7)
5. A follower of the Angelic Doctor. (7)
6. Rude men try for her. (10)
7. He was tempted. (7)
8. Fellow travellers. (6)
14. A splendid quick lot. (5, 5)
17. Aeroplane services, perhaps. (8)
18. Restrained as a U.S. express. (7)
20. The vehicle in my possession is red. (7)
21. Caviare does make one so greedy. (7)
22. Sort of verre, in "Alice" for example. (7)
23. Deserved for a warhorse. (6)
27. This will let one through, but without honour. (4)

SOLUTION TO No. 84



BRIDGE

Valuation is the foundation of bidding. A direct count of actual tricks (i.e., by winners or losers) is the only safe form of valuation. An indirect method by counting points in the old Milton Work way and then transferring these to tricks can be very unsatisfactory on distributional hands such as the following:

S J 10 9 x x x	S x x x
H x	H Q x x x
D A Q J x x	D none
C x	C K x x x x
S A K Q	
H 10 9 8 7	
D 9 x x	
C Q J 10	

North, the dealer, at the score love all, made an unorthodox opening bid of One Spade on a count of only eight points. He was not, however, counting points but his expectancy of actual tricks, three "long" winners in Spades (after the suit was cleared) and two high-card winners in Diamonds. There was the additional expectancy of a "long" winner or two in Diamonds, making in all, more than the necessary five winners for an opening bid. A certain degree of solidity in the two suits promised control of play in one or other after the partner had shown a preference.

South's response (to One Spade) was Two Diamonds. He had a misfit for his partner's Spades so did not jump the bidding. The later bidding stopped at Five Diamonds and 12 tricks were made by establishing the "long" Spades in North's hand.

A point-count of eight in one hand and 15 in the other produced a Slam for which well over 30 points are assumed to be required. A count of winners for a contract in Diamonds shows 11, four high-card winners and two long-card winners in South's hand and two high card winners and three ruffing winners in North's hand. A 12th winner was developed in the play. Risky opening bids are safer on two-suit hands.

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MME. CHIANG SEES MARSHALL

Much Encouraged By Results Of Visit

WILL GIVE HEARING IF ASKED

Washington, December 4. Senator H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey Republican, said today that the Senate Committee on Economic Cooperation, of which he is acting chairman, will grant Madame Chiang Kai-shek a hearing on possible aid to China if she asks for one.

But he told a news conference, he does not think she will ask to appear before the Committee nor will the Committee ask her to appear before it. The Committee feels it has jurisdiction on possible aid to China, he added.

A reporter asked whether the Economic Cooperation Administration, whose work the Committee watches, will continue giving aid to China in case the Communists occupy Kankun and Shanghai and drive the National Government into South China.

Mr. Smith said he assumed the ECA would continue to aid China on a relief basis, only just as some relief is being given to Soviet satellites in Europe.

"Congress has never taken the position that we will not grant relief to Communist-controlled areas," he said.

"The same principle applies in China as I see it. Where there is suffering, I believe we should help. We have a relief question and a recovery question."

He added that any new Government in China probably would find it difficult to meet the demands of the ECA for regulating and associated press.

But Officialdom Is Still Cool

Washington, December 3.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek today made her first plea for American aid to China at a three-and-a-quarter hour meeting with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall.

There was no intimation that she obtained any promise of help.

Accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, China's first lady called for the second time at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital where Mr. Marshall was undergoing a physical check up.

When she emerged, she told reporters that she was encouraged by the results of her visit. But she qualified that statement later, apparently after reconsidering the implications of her answer.

She said, "I would like to see anybody who has seen General Marshall who is not encouraged." After posing smilingly for photographers, she stepped into a State Department motorcar with Mrs. Marshall and drove away. She pursued all questions about future plans with the explanation that she has no formal schedule and does not know when she will see next or when.

Madame Chiang acknowledged that her long visit today concerned the urgent business which brought her by plane from Chungking on Wednesday—large-scale American help for her husband's shaken Chinese Nationalist Government.

U.S. Coldness

She said she and Mrs. Marshall had lunch with the Secretary and they talked about China.

Miss Rita Hayworth Suspended

Hollywood, December 4.

Rita Hayworth, who has been gallivanting around the world with a rich Prince for six months, was suspended by Columbia Studios today for not showing up for work.

The studio announced: "Miss Hayworth refused to report yesterday for the forthcoming production of 'Lena Horne' due to start shooting next week in Nogales, Arizona."

The studio spokesman said that Rita, whose divorce from Orson Welles was made final on Wednesday, refused to come to her telephone, even though she arrived back in town alone yesterday.

Someone answering the telephone tonight said she did not know where Rita was.

The red-haired film queen's romance with Prince Aly Khan has been burning up the headlines and airlines, and reporters who could not get yes or no out of them.—United Press.

King To Make Usual Xmas Broadcast

London, December 3.

The King, who is suffering from an obstruction to the blood circulation in one leg, will broadcast to the nation and the Commonwealth on Christmas Day, as in previous years, it was officially announced today.

No indication was given in the announcement of where the King will be when he makes his Christmas broadcast. In previous years he had broadcast from his study at Sandringham, the Royal country establishment.

The broadcast will be at 3.00 p.m. GMT (11 p.m. Hong Kong time).—Reuter.

Hoffman To Study China Problems

Washington, December 4.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administration chief, today made a brief statement on his visit to China.

He will familiarise himself with problems arising out of the civil war, he said.

On this quick world trip, he also will visit Korea to get preliminary information on whether a full-fledged recovery programme is feasible there.

Next spring, ECA is due to take over Korean relief and rehabilitation, now handled by the United States Army at a cost of more than \$100,000,000 a year.

In Japan Mr. Hoffman will confer with General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Occupation Commander. He did not go into details on his visit to Tokyo.

Mr. Hoffman gave this information at a news conference called preparatory to his departure on Saturday.

He called at the White House to say good-bye to President Truman before leaving on the flying trip that will take him first to London, then the Far East and back to Washington a week before Christmas.

China Trip

Mr. Hoffman said the President had given him no special instructions with regard to his stop in China.

He will leave handling of Chinese problems concerning the agency with Mr. Roger D. Lapham, ECA's Mission chief there, he said.

Mr. Hoffman said the U.S. Congress very definitely should adopt a stronger programme for buying vital needed defence materials abroad.

Congress should strengthen the Marshall Plan provisions intended to encourage American business investments overseas, he added.—Associated Press.

Europe-Saigon Cycle Trip

Milan, December 3.

With his bicycle covered with the flags of the countries through which he hopes to pass, Lionello Braus left here today to cycle to Saigon, in French Indo-China.

A large crowd gathered in the Piazza Duomo, Milan's principal square, to see him start on the first leg of his journey, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, India, Burma, Siam, Cambodia, Cochinchina and so to Saigon.

Braus was quite unperturbed at the prospect of the ride and declared that he possessed all the necessary visas for the journey.—Reuter.

Uncivilised Acts By The Soviet

Paris, December 3.

Britain and the United States today accused the Soviet Government of inhuman and uncivilised violation of the basic rights by forbidding Russian wives to join their foreign husbands.

The British delegate, Mr. G. Fitzmaurice, told the United Nations Legal Committee that

Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Ernest Bevin and Field Marshal Lord Montgomery had all intervened unsuccessfully with the Kremlin on behalf of British husbands.

The Russian refusal had done perhaps more than any other single thing to convince the average person that the Soviet Union is a country having completely different standards from those in most civilised countries.

Mr. Ernest Cross, of the United States, said that 350 Soviet wives and 65 Soviet husbands of American citizens had been refused permission to leave Russia.

Also unable to leave were 820 people claiming American citizenship, Mr. Cross said.

Since 1940 only 12 people with claims to United States nationality had been granted exit visas by the Russians.

The British delegate spoke after yesterday's attack on the Soviet policy by Senator Charles McNamara, former Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, who has been attempting to get an exit permit for his son's 20-year-old Russian wife.—Reuter.

CANADIANS TO 'LEAVE BY AIR'

Ottawa, December 4.

Arrangements have been made for some 30 Canadians in China to return home by air, the External Affairs Department announced today.

The Department has arranged to charter two aircraft; look after necessary landing rights and solve problems of foreign exchange.

The first aircraft, with 40 passengers, is expected to arrive at Vancouver, British Columbia, from Shanghai between December 12 and 16.

The decision to return to Canada presumably was influenced by the current fighting in China.—Associated Press.

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TOO BIG A BITE FOR THE KREMLIN

New York, December 4.

"The Kremlin would bite off a terrific mouthful if it should get technical control of China," says the Daily News.

Calling the Chinese Communist leaders tools of Stalin, the paper asked editorially what would happen if the worst comes, to the worst and they gain control of China.

It continued: "There are some 450,000,000 people in China as against perhaps 200,000,000 in the Soviet Union."

"The average Chinese has always had great respect for any kind of Government. He would probably sabotage dictatorship from Moscow with enthusiasm, especially if Moscow tried to fasten the collective farm system on China's individualistic, land-owning farmers."

"It looks from here as if the Kremlin would bite off a terrific mouthful if it should get technical control of China."

"If that control could be made actual (which we doubt) the job would take years and would use much of the energy which Moscow is now throwing into other cold war sectors, especially the West European sector."—Associated Press.

CABINET MEETS

Washington, December 4. President Truman and his Cabinet discussed foreign affairs for 45 minutes today but no detailed announcement has yet been made.—Associated Press.



This'll kill you—they want money!

Not Interested

Senator Connally told newsmen that he was not particularly interested in seeing Madame Chiang either officially or informally.

The general impression circulated in newspapers was that Madame Chiang was hoping to get a declaration of American support to revive the morale of the Chinese people, he said.

He repeated his own conviction that the best thing the Generalissimo could do for his people's morale would be to take personal command of his troops.—United Press.

BOUND TO BE A WORLD WAR

Quito, December 3. China's Minister to Ecuador, Mr. K. Chen, told a press conference today: "If the emergency situation continues in China, there is bound to be a third World War."

"China's cause is universal and I believe the Western countries should help her overcome the ambitions of the enemies of democracy," added Mr. Chen.—United Press.

GREEK PREMIER MUCH BETTER

Athens, December 3. A medical bulletin announced today that Mr. Themistocles Sofronides, the 86-year-old Greek Premier, will be able to get up in a few days.

M. Sophoulis was taken seriously ill last week. The French heart specialist, M. Donzolet, examined him again today before returning to Paris. He said his condition continued to improve.—Reuter.

Foot Itch Healed in 3 Days

Do your feet itch, smart and burn so badly that they nearly drive you crazy? Even the skin crack and bleed? The real cause of these skin troubles is a germ that has spread throughout the world and is called various names such as Athlete's Foot, Singapore Itch, Dickey Itch. You can't get rid of the trouble until you remove the germ cause. A new discovery, called Nixoderm, is so successful it is guaranteed to end the itch and heal the skin not only on the feet but the most stubborn cases of Eczema, Pimples, Acne, Scabies, and Ringworm of face or body or money back on return of empty carton. Ask your chemist for Nixoderm today. Nixoderm is guaranteed For Skin Troubles.

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Behind The Political Scene—

THE 'IRON CURTAIN' IN TORY PARTY

Undeterred by a more recent verdict in the British courts, the Socialists continue to dance a jig in celebration of Mr. Truman's re-election. The latter is being greeted by their propagandists as a sort of Transatlantic addition to the admittedly long list of Labour by-election victories.

It is probably a waste of time to seek to dissuade excited Government supporters of such a fallacious notion, which comes in so handy at a moment when the preliminary slogans for 1950 are being coined.

Most Doleful Blues

We must not doubt prepare ourselves for speeches by leading Socialists (telling us that only a Labour Britain will be able to maintain cordial relations with a "progressive" United States. The old speeches of 1945 will need to be retouched; all that will be required will be the substitution of the initials U.S.A. for U.S.S.R.

It is sadder to report that the sight of this premature Socialist saturnalia has plunged many Tories into the deepest gloom. While the Daily Herald leads the chorus into a "Wild Party," the Tory organs are sounding forth the most doleful blues.

Indeed, many Conservatives have jumped to false conclusions with the same incautious precipitation as that displayed by their political opponents.

A Tory ex-M.P., Mr. Ronald Tree, whose American connections should have guarded him against the drawing of any parallels at all between the politics of the two great English-speaking peoples, has urged his party to follow Mr. Truman's electioneering tactics.

A Powerless Minority

Now, it is clearly necessary in the first place to recall that America has just had her second election since our own in 1945. In 1946 she turned unmistakably to the right and elected a Republican Congress.

Owing to the peculiarities of the American political system the Republican Party became an Opposition and not a Government majority. It had legislative authority without executive authority.

It abused what powers it possessed in a manner which it would scarcely have dared attempt had there been a Republican President in the White House. It was this dire folly

which caused the American people to return Mr. Truman.

Now, the Opposition in this country has never been in the same position as the Republicans in the 80th Congress. British Conservatives have throughout been in a powerless minority in the House of Commons. There can be no question of Mr. Atlee's going to the country in an attempt to put the blame for rising prices or inflation on to the Tories at Westminster.

On the contrary, it will be impossible for the Socialists to escape full responsibility for the state of the nation when they ask for the people's votes once more. There is, therefore, no reason for the Tories to make such pessimistic comparisons; more especially since their own policies bear much closer relation to Mr. Truman's than to Mr. Dewey's.

Mr. Morrison's Taunts

Nevertheless, it is likely that a large section of the electorate may be persuaded to judge the competence of the Opposition to govern on the basis of its competence to oppose in the present Parliament.

Mr. Dewey's fate should certainly have warned Lord Woolton that much more is required for victory than an efficient machine—and it would be unwise for Lord Woolton to assume that his existing machine is as efficient as was Mr. Dewey's.

There can be little doubt that Mr. Morrison's taunts at the Opposition, after its singularly poor performance in the King's Speech debate went home, and that dissatisfaction with the conduct of parliamentary Opposition has contributed to the present serious drop in the morale of the Conservative Party.

Such drops have occurred before, and perhaps too great importance should not be attached to them. Yet it may be that their cause can be sought in the ground without too much difficulty and adjustments made which could restore the spirit of those whose mutterings in the Lobby are now merely bringing cheer to the Socialists.

Some Conservatives have made timid or clumsy attempts to suggest remedies. But both complaints and remedies have been so vague and cryptic as to justify their being interpreted as mutinous chatter directed against Mr. Churchill.

A Priceless Asset

There is no quarrel with the choice of Supreme Commanders, except one of Socialist invention, and that is not one which anybody can take seriously while Mr. Michael Foot continues to pick as a leader of the "Churchill must go" movement Mr. Harold Macmillan, who is probably the most devoted and uncritical supporter possessed by Mr. Churchill in his own party.

But there is certainly a quarrel with the Tory General Staff, and more particularly with its staff-work.

It would be quite wrong to assume that there exists a sort of Eisenhower-Montgomery situation between Mr. Churchill and his deputy, Mr. Eden. Mr. Eden's

disavowal has perhaps done him a disservice by fostering the impression that he is restless and unhappy in his present position. Needs Reinvigoration

By Mr. Churchill's choice, as well as by general consent, he has been raised from the position of heir-presumptive to that of

By Alastair Forbes

heir-apparent. He is within sight of the party leadership at a time of life when Mr. Churchill was in the wilderness without any certain hope of return to party prominence, let alone to office.

It seems difficult to believe that, with all these blessings showered upon him and after so long and intimate a collaboration with his great chief, Mr. Eden should not now be capable of working out with Mr. Churchill an entirely amicable, efficient, and satisfactory arrangement for the planning of Tory policy in Parliament.

Mr. Churchill possesses already the proper instrument in the Shadow Cabinet. But Shadow Cabinets, like all other Cabinets, require occasional refreshment and reinvigoration.

In Opposition as in office the dead wood must be cut out from time to time. The present Shadow Cabinet contains too many figures whose links are rather with past Parliaments than with the present. It is too loose and ineffectual a body for swift parliamentary or public action.

There is a rich vein of talent to be tapped on the back benches, men who would be called on by Mr. Churchill if he were today in Downing-street, but whose voices now go unheard in Hyde Park-gate or at Chartwell—men like Mr. Birch, Mr. Eccles, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Hogg, Brigadier Hlead, Mr. Maude, Mr. Hollis, and a dozen others.

But this iron curtain which has been allowed to fall between the leader and his ablest supporters in Parliament and in the Central Office is not of Mr. Churchill's fabrication.

He is ill-served by those who, even in the highest councils of the party, offer trembling sycophancy instead of their unfettered judgment and advice. What is a man's opinion worth if he dare not place it before his leader?

Anybody who reads General Eisenhower's memoirs, or those of Sir James Grigg, or of Mr. Hopkins, will see how well repaid every man has been who thrashed out policies in loyal but fearless fashion with Mr. Churchill.

Of course, the present system of day-to-day leadership of the Tory Opposition can be overhauled and improved. But it will not be done without recourse to Mr. Churchill's own second genius, imagination, and experience.

As it is, the process of gearing up action and policy is being delayed by the critics themselves who stand condemned by their failure to propose useful reforms to their leader, by their failure often even to set down their views on paper for that voracious consumer of minutes and memoranda.

WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Ta Kung Pao: Reports have been widely circulated that one of the conditions forwarded by America for giving China further aid is the re-opening of China's rivers to foreign shipping.

At the height of the current civil strife in China, every expedient is being sought to relieve the situation. In view of this, there is a deeper meaning to the question of opening the rivers to foreign shipping than appears on the surface.

Dr. Leighton Stuart, American Ambassador to China, has said that he hoped the Yangtze River would be opened to foreign vessels to facilitate the protection of American property and nationals by sending warships inland. Dr. Sun Fo has said that to expedite the delivery of relief supplies, American vessels may be allowed to unload directly and load on goods destined for abroad. He stressed that this concession was different from opening China's internal waters to foreign shipping. No doubt, America has demanded, unofficially, that the rivers be opened to her shipping.

Treaties

No matter under what pretext, once American vessels are allowed to call at Yangtze ports it will be in fact throwing open China's inland waters to foreign shipping generally. This will be tantamount to reviving the unequal treaties and is an encroachment on China's sovereignty.

Previously, under the unequal treaties, foreign vessels freely competed against each other on

China's inland navigational waters operating as if China were under international control. These rights were voluntarily surrendered by the foreign powers concerned and new treaties were concluded in their place.

The humiliating experience is still fresh in our minds. We must not forget how hard we struggled for the abolition of the unequal treaties. Once a precedent is set, even if it is demanded by a critical situation, it will not be easily abolished.

Under no circumstances will the Government be excused for hasty surrender of its sovereign rights. We strongly oppose the opening of our internal waters to foreign vessels. We also strongly reject the proposal by some Shanghai shipping concerns to open the rivers conditionally.

East And West

New Life Evening News: The European situation remains gloomy. The General Assembly of the United Nations is about to conclude its sessions but nothing has so far been achieved in smoothing out the unfriendly relations between America and the Soviet caused by the Berlin question.

A more distinct line between the East and the West will be drawn by the Berlin Council next week. Then the whole European situation will become an explosive camp.

With her concentration of diplomatic and military experts in Western Europe, America plans to form a North Atlantic organization of a military nature including the five Western countries, Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg in addition to America herself and Canada. Development of this, however, will be slow, and not likely to materialize until next February or March, because of certain factors.

To win over the five European states, America prefers the Berlin issue to be prolonged, so as to have more time in setting up the proposed organization which will eventually turn into a military alliance. This is the fundamental reason for the Berlin issue not being solved yet.

British Empire

Kung Sheng Yat Po: A new equilibrium of power was one of the policies proposed at the last conference of Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth. From what Mr. Bevin has said it is not difficult to understand this policy. The Conference's principal objective obviously was the strengthening of the ties with India, Pakistan, Burma, Malaya and South Africa. According to newspaper reports, the Conference was a success. A defen-

sive plan for the Commonwealth was also discussed.

Ever since the end of the second World War, the ties between the Commonwealth nations and the mother country have gradually loosened. To strengthen these ties, it is essential to have a pivot. This is not easy.

Stressing the existence of an assumed enemy is less important than the need for preserving world peace if unity within the Commonwealth is to be achieved. Let mutual welfare be developed without racial prejudice. Discrimination against the Indian people and the White Australian policy are the great obstacles to unity. Unfortunately, lack of courage prevented these issues from being presented to the Conference.

The policy should be preservation of peace, opposition to aggression, promotion of economic welfare and social security, elimination of racial discrimination, and class distinction, mutual assistance for development of backward countries.

The policy must not be preparation for a cruel destructive war, or an attempt to exploit backward peoples, or the continuance of the old erroneous conceptions of racial and cultural discrimination.

Britain is not built on the basis of military strength. She has a fine tradition, but is not completely free of shortcomings. If present day trends are toward a federation of nations, then the British Commonwealth of Nations under the new policy formulated at the Conference should achieve unity. If this is achieved, she would set an outstanding example in view of her experience. Only by such standards can the constructive value of such a policy towards mankind be judged.

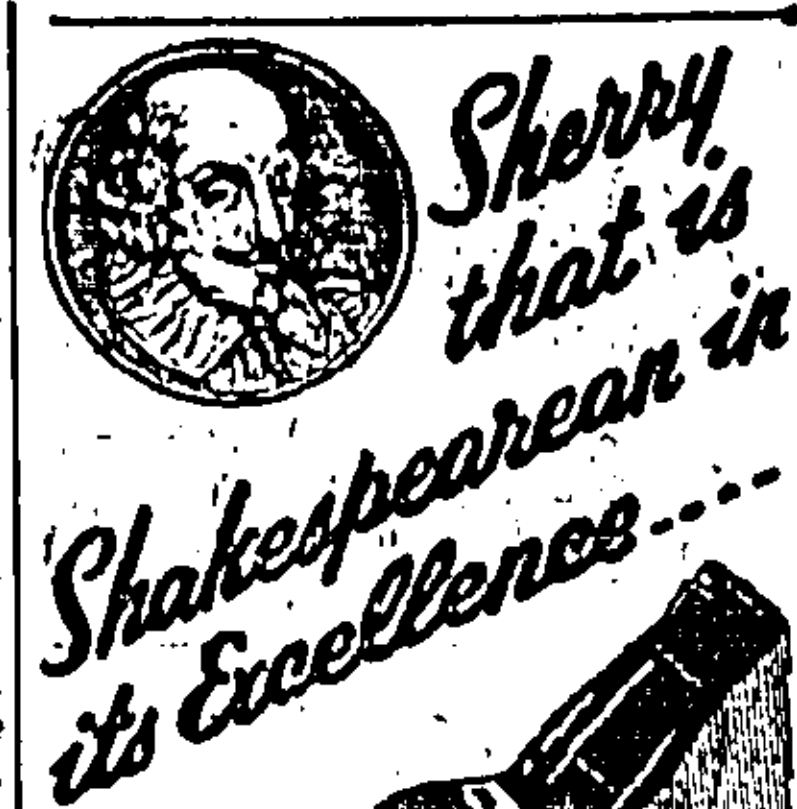
Housing

Wah Kiu Yat Po: The housing problem is still a source of worry to many. With rents so high, the average wage earner has little left of his income for other necessary expenses.

Recently, the Chinese Manufacturers Union submitted a plan to Government for the building of workers' quarters. If approval is obtained, construction may start immediately.

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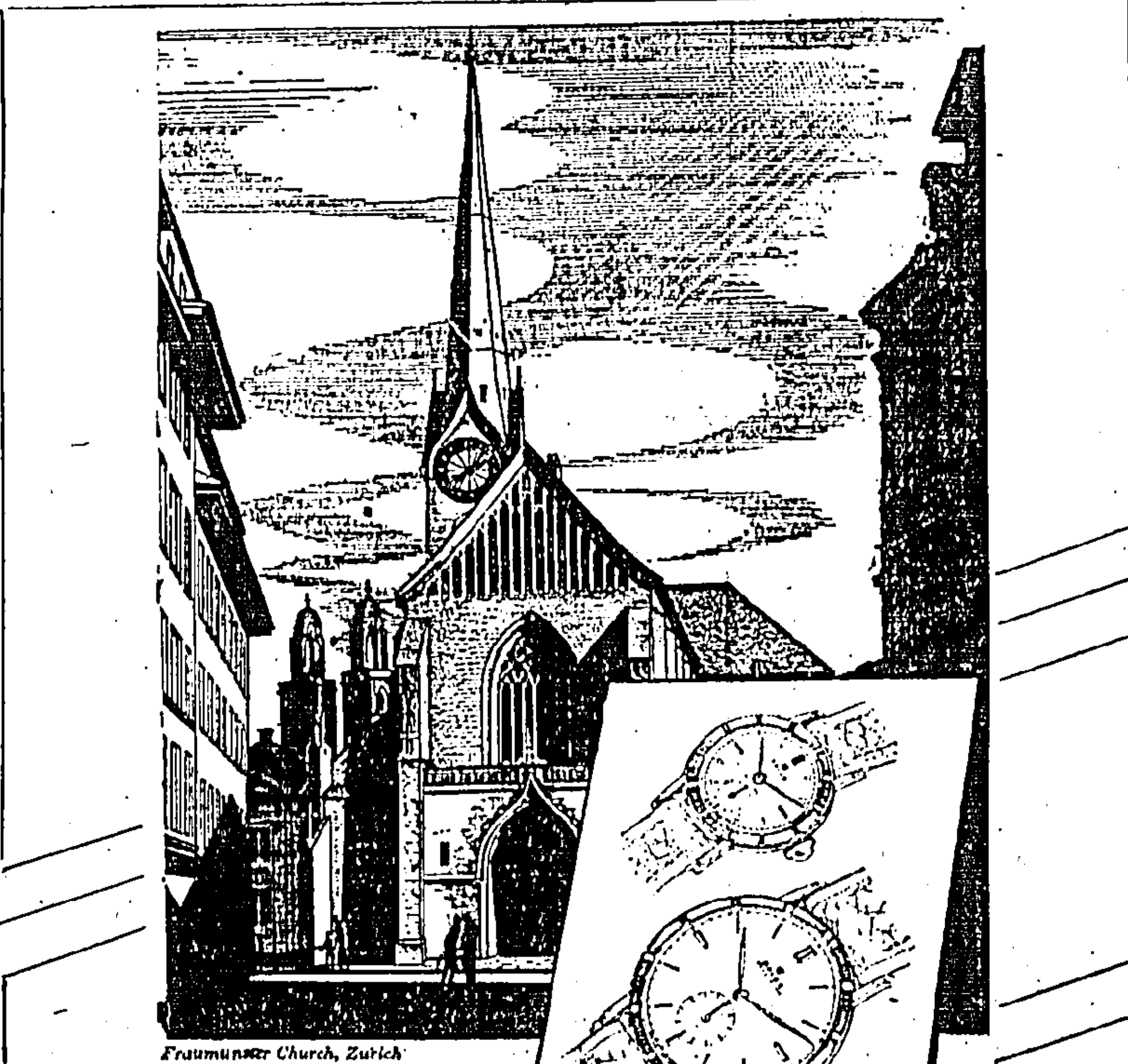
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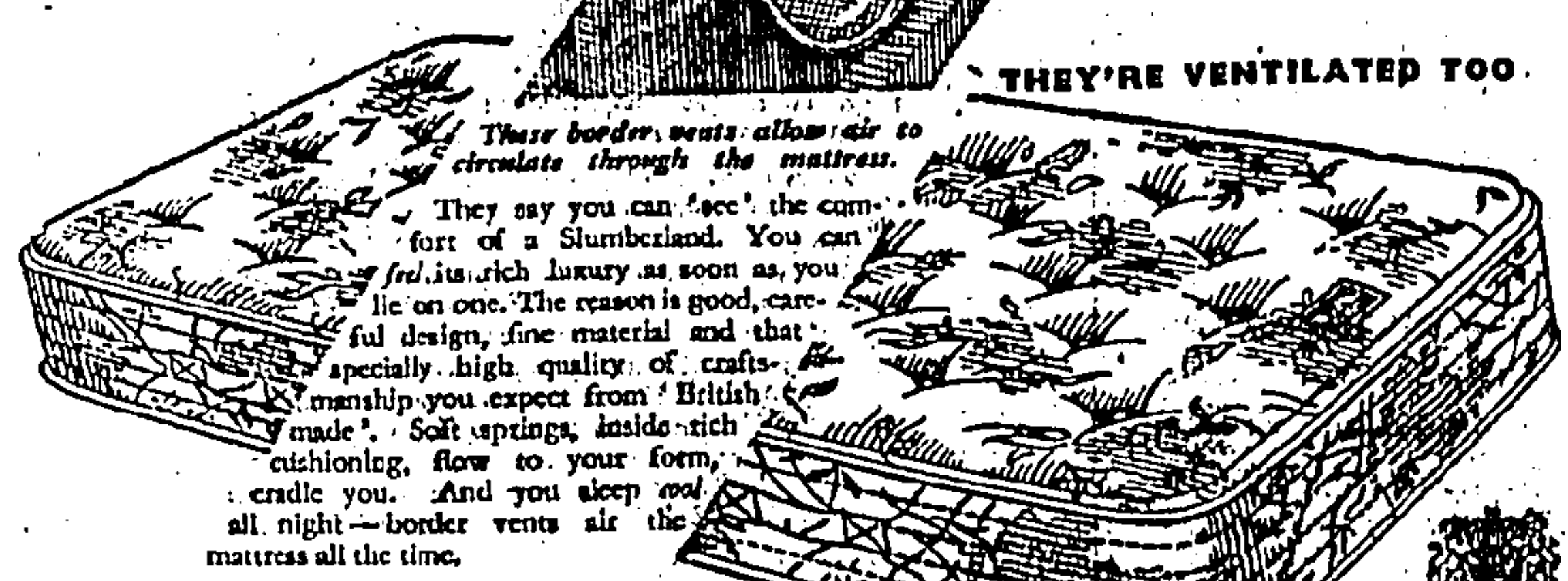
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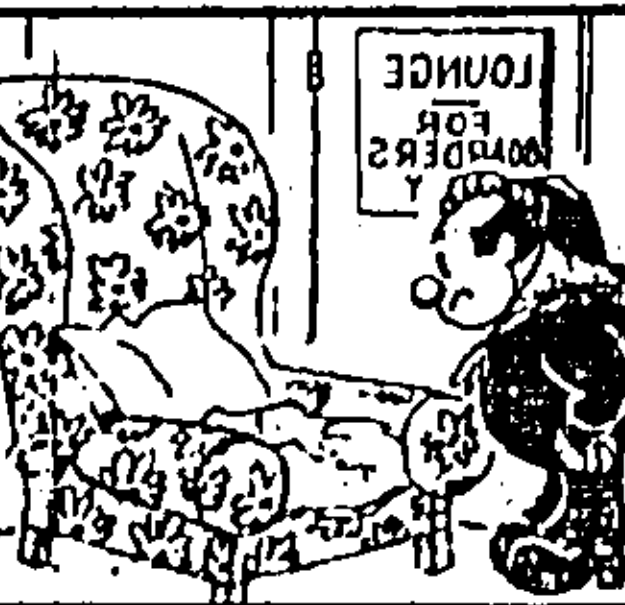
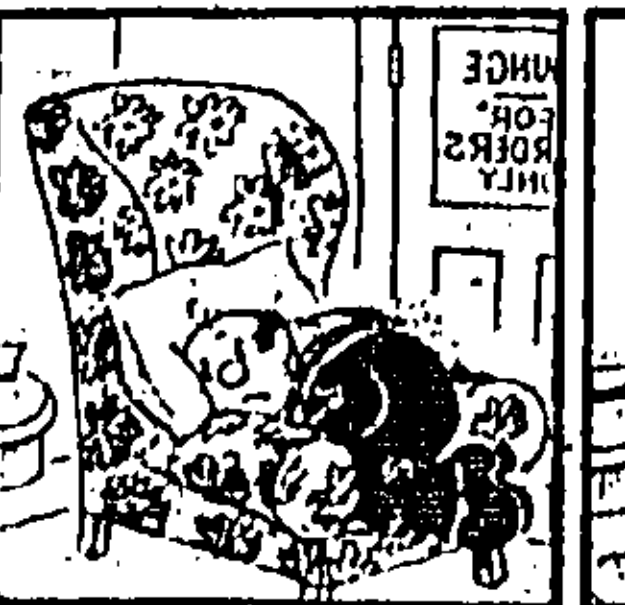
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France Backs Britain's Claims Over Cyrenaica

"Political Bigamy" Attacked

Paris, December 3. M. Edouard Herriot, the 76-year-old Speaker of the French National Assembly, was today re-elected President of the Radical Party at its annual Congress in Paris.

M. Herriot declared that Parliamentarianism who belong to a political party and to General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People at the same time are committing political bigamy.

The Congress, however, decided in favour of double membership, provided members of the Radical Party obey party discipline when republican institutions are at issue.

The Congress was in favour of electoral reforms on the lines advocated by the Gaullist organization but decided that a dissolution of Parliament before its constitutional term ends, another Gaullist demand, is unacceptable.

The Congress also adopted an economic policy which promises to bring it into conflict with the Socialists and Popular Republicans in the present Government, calling for a clean-up of administration of monopolised industries, and in a reform of the social security system.—Reuter.

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Matter Of Equity

This would result in economic regression of the territory.

Furthermore, France considers Italy's return to Tripolitania a matter of equity.

France herself wants trusteeship only over the Fezzan—desert areas containing 44,000 nomadic Arabs and no Italians—which lies on the direct air route between Madagascar and French North Africa.

A spokesman insisted on the importance France attached to a simultaneous solution being found for all Italy's former colonies.—Reuter.

WILLOW RUN PURCHASE

Detroit, December 3. America's famous bomber factories at Willow Run, which turned out 8,085 planes during the war, have been bought by the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation, automobile manufacturers, for \$15,100,000.

The factories were built in 1942 at a cost estimated unofficially at \$100 million. Kaiser-Frazer have had the plant under lease since the end of the war and have produced 325,000 cars since June, 1948.—Reuter.



"It's a church mouse — sorta symbolic, huh?"

Hecklers Injured

Berlin, December 3. About a dozen hecklers were slightly injured by pro-Western Berliners today when they tried to break up a Social Democratic Party election meeting in the British sector.

They were attacked with everything from fists to walking sticks and handbags and were eventually taken into protective custody by the West German sector police.

The uproar halted the meeting for 15 minutes while Frau Louise Schroeder, Western acting Lord Mayor, was speaking.

West sector police headquarters announced that the hecklers taken into protective custody were released soon afterwards. Professor Ernst Reuter, a leading Social Democrat, told the meeting that those responsible for the Berlin blockade should be tried for crimes against humanity.—Reuter.

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Hamburg, December 3. Two Norwegian sailors died in hospital here from smoke poisoning after they had fallen asleep with burning cigarettes and caused a fire in their ship's cabin.

The sailors, who died yesterday, were 30-year-old John Rønholm Loe and 17-year-old Joen Størtø. They belonged to the Norwegian 500-ton steamer Pilmo from Haugesund.—Reuter.

Newsman Gaoled For Contempt

Manila, December 4. The Supreme Court has sentenced a Manila newspaperman to 30 days' imprisonment for contempt of court because of his refusal to divulge the source of his information for a story which claimed there was a leakage in the last Bar examinations.

Angel J. Parazo, reporter of the afternoon paper Star, had written about an alleged leakage of questions given in a Bar test last August. When summoned by the high tribunal to explain, Parazo said it would be a betrayal of trust to divulge his sources and sought refuge under the press freedom law.

This law says newsmen may sources of information unless the interest of the State so demands.

The Court ruled that the interest of the State demanded disclosure of information which might aid the Court in investigating the alleged scandal. Two associate Justices dissented from the majority ruling. One concurring Justice said the punishment should have been only two days.—United Press.

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CONSUL WAS NURSE

It happened while I was staying at the Palace Hotel, Madrid. I heard the story from George himself. I saw him most days so I knew it to be true.

Bill was ill, and early one morning, Bill's Spanish girl friend Theresa telephoned George to say that he was worse.

"The hotel doctor has been," she said, "but please come quickly. I must go out to get some special medicine. I don't want to leave him alone in case he regains consciousness and wants something."

Both Newspapermen

Bill and George were friends and colleagues. Both were correspondents in Madrid for their London newspapers.

As soon as he got the telephone call George left the article he was writing and went at once.

The Palace Hotel is a typical international hotel—though, I suppose, just a little more flamboyant and grand, with a few dozen more potted ferns and flowers with stained glass skylights than one has been accustomed to expect.

Sometimes one travels up in a lift with nuns, or has glimpses of them passing quickly down the thick carpeted corridors. They are the symbols of sickness—sent for from a local convent by the hotel porter to nurse sick clients.

Room in Disorder

Bill's room on the fifth floor was an exact replica of George's room, which was on the third floor. An exact replica, for that matter, of any hotel catering for international travellers in Europe. The same harmless tough furniture, the same stained quilt, the same tiled bathroom leading off. A dreary sort of room if things are going badly.

But like other unmarried newspapermen who find it simpler in the long run to live in a hotel, Bill had surrounded himself with the indescribable disorder—the odds and pieces of his profession—which for him was the next best thing to home. Empty beer bottles had a corner to themselves on the wardrobe. Bottles of gin, whisky, beer, and anis in current use were propped a little precariously on a large atlas which was balanced on the radiator. Bill was a prone shape under the plum-coloured quilt.

The bathroom door was shut. There was no sound but that which rose on the hot air from the sunny pavements of the Plaza Cebases below. The melancholy

insistent cries of the blind lottery sellers: "Sale Hoy! Sale Hoy!"—"Draw today! Draw today!"

A Bearded Stranger

But Bill heard nothing. He was unaware that Theresa had left his room or that George, finding the door open, had come in and was standing there wondering what on earth he could do to help. Even the harsh ring of the telephone did not stir him.

"Digal!" George answered the telephone.

At the same moment the bathroom door flew open and a small man with a pointed beard and a pince-nez, wearing a face towel

By JENNY NICHOLSON,

Our Roving Reporter

round his waist like an apron, sprang into the room.

"Excuse me, dear sir. But that is perhaps the housekeeper. I left word at the desk for her telephone. It is? Good. Allow me, dear sir."

The little man bustled round the bed and took charge of the quilt. He ordered several pairs of sheets, explaining to George: "The fever requires a frequent change of sheets."

Then he asked George to telephone room service and order a teaspoon and a tablespoon—"You cannot be sure which one the medicine will require. The medicine is coming?"

"Yes Mr. Smith's friend has gone out to get it, hasn't she?"

"Splendid," and he hustled back into the bathroom, where a few minutes later George watched him rinsing out tooth-glasses. He raised one to his sensitive little nose and sniffed.

"Anis," he decided. "It is best to introduce a little hygiene." And from the back pocket of his striped trousers he brought a small bottle marked "Disinfectant," from which he poured a drop into the water in which he was washing the glasses.

'I'm Not The Doctor'

"There now! I have restored some order to Mr. Smith's bathroom. The bedroom itself presents more of a problem. Not as I like to see a sickroom. A little dressing for a patient when he is in convalescence."

"Oh, I think he's pretty well used to it. I've worked with him all over the world. His room is always like this. But I'll have a shot at restoring some order if you like, doctor."

"Oh, indeed—I am not the doctor. But I understand from the floor maid that the doctor has been and says that Mr. Smith will need very careful nursing. The

convents seem to be very busy and the nursing sisters in short supply just now. What hours do you think you could arrange to be here?"

"Well—"

"From three to seven?"

"All right," agreed George.

"Has he a...?" the little man coughed and looked at his little black button boots.

"A girl friend?—Yes." "Good. She had better be here in the mornings. I will look in around this time every morning and take over from you for a few hours in the evening. That is the important time..."

Clinical Gestures

Theresa returned with the medicine. She looked worried. "The doctor says he is very bad, George."

A pageboy appeared with the two spoons on a silver tray. "That was very efficient of you, George." She peered helplessly at the directions on the bottle and the little boxes of pills.

The little man appeared again from the bathroom like a leprechaun, bowed politely, and took the medicine from her. "Tray excused me, senator. I have much experience," and with the clinical gestures of a hospital nurse made a professional job of spooning the medicine between Bill's lifeless lips and allowing it to trickle down his throat.

'Extraordinary Thing'

He reached down a white alpaca coat from behind the door, and retrieved a cane and gloves.

"There—now I must be off. Change his sheets when necessary. Be strict about the hours of the medicine. Take his temperature every hour, and if you need my help—which I pride myself is expert—you will be so good as to call my office." He handed his card to Theresa and tip-toed out, closing the door quietly behind him.

The card announced him as the Consul of one of the South American republics.

"Does Bill know him well—this Consul?"

"Bill has so many friends and acquaintances whom I never meet," said Theresa bitterly.

"Extraordinary thing," said George.

The Consul arrived punctually in the evening, scolded George for not having made a temperature chart, and generally bustled about. George was in a hurry to get to the office and left him to it.

The following evening, as George was handing over to the Consul, Bill regained consciousness. The Consul sprang over and took his temperature with little clinical button boots. "But so attractive was the young lady with whom I spent the evening that I forgot all about my promise and did not go round to my friend's hotel to see how he was until the following morning. I found him—in a room just like this. The doctor was there. My friend was dead."

'Shame And Remorse'

The Consul hung his head, remembering how he had felt at the time. "There was something so lonely about lying sick and dying in a hotel bedroom... I was so filled with shame and remorse that I resolved then that whenever I heard of someone who was sick in a hotel I would go and nurse him."

He looked up and smiled, blinking through his pince-nez. "And I have had much success with my nursing. Mr. Smith will recover."

'Never Seen Him Before'

Bill turned his head heavily and asked in a weak voice. "Who the—is that, George?"

"Thought you knew him."

"Never seen him before in my life," said Bill.

It was clearly time for an explanation. And when the Consul appeared again, George said:

"Mr. Smith claims he has never seen you before in his life. Could you...?"

"Well, yes," said the Consul shyly. "I can explain. I did not wish to bore you with the story before. It is like this—"

He stood there, a medicine spoon he had been "washing" in

CARTOON

BY STAN HILL



DOWN IN THE FOREST SOMETHING STIR-RED.

Australia's Eyes On "Atom Exercise"

By GRAHAM STANFORD

Commonwealth defence experts—particularly those of Australia—place great importance on the "Atomic Air-Sea" exercise to be carried out by the British Navy this month.

Scientists, military observers, and atomic experts will sail in the ships that are leaving home bases to join the Home Fleet now returning from its West Indies cruise.

Lessons learned from the exercises will be shared by Commonwealth partners. Australia—with wary eyes on events in China—

forges ahead with plans to increase her naval strength; has recently signed up scores of British recruits for her growing fleet.

A moat or a Prison?

Realistic note was struck the other day by Rear-Admiral John Collins, First Member of the Australian Naval Board, who said that Australia's remoteness placed her in a position similar to that which Britain occupied 30 years ago. As an island herself, said the Admiral, Australia had not only to defend her ocean "moat" but also to make sure that it did not become a prison.

Close co-operation between British and Australian naval forces was established during the war, when they operated together as the British Pacific Fleet. Together they learned how to manage the first "Fleet Train" which revolutionised and refuelled the fighting ships for weeks on end without returning to base; side by side they weathered the revolutionary "sink or die" tactics of Japan's suicide pilots.

Our present First Sea Lord,

Lord Fraser, was then C.-in-C. of the Pacific Fleet, based on Australia, and, apart from his responsibilities of running the fleet, became one of Britain's best ambassadors within the Commonwealth.

Today Australia sees the position very clearly. Her population is growing; her influence as a Commonwealth Power is extending. It is vital that her naval strength shall be sufficient to defend her shores.

India, too, has acknowledged the big part played by British officers in building up the Royal Indian Navy, and Mr. Nehru's Defence Department is also occupied these days in strengthening the Dominion's naval power.

I have sailed both with the Australian Navy and the Royal Indian Navy, and at a time when some seem anxious to, put the word "British" on the black list it is worth recording that officers and men of both navies are proud of their traditions, which are essentially based on those of the R.N.

Australian M.P.s who are defeated or retire are to receive an £8-a-week pension. But the M.P. must be 45 years old and have eight years' service.

New Zealanders are to decide by referendum whether hotel bars should continue to close at six p.m., or have broken opening hours to 11 p.m.

Enting Studios are planning to produce Australian-made films for release throughout the world. Australian general manager, Eric Williams, says the new films will compete for screen space with the world's best.

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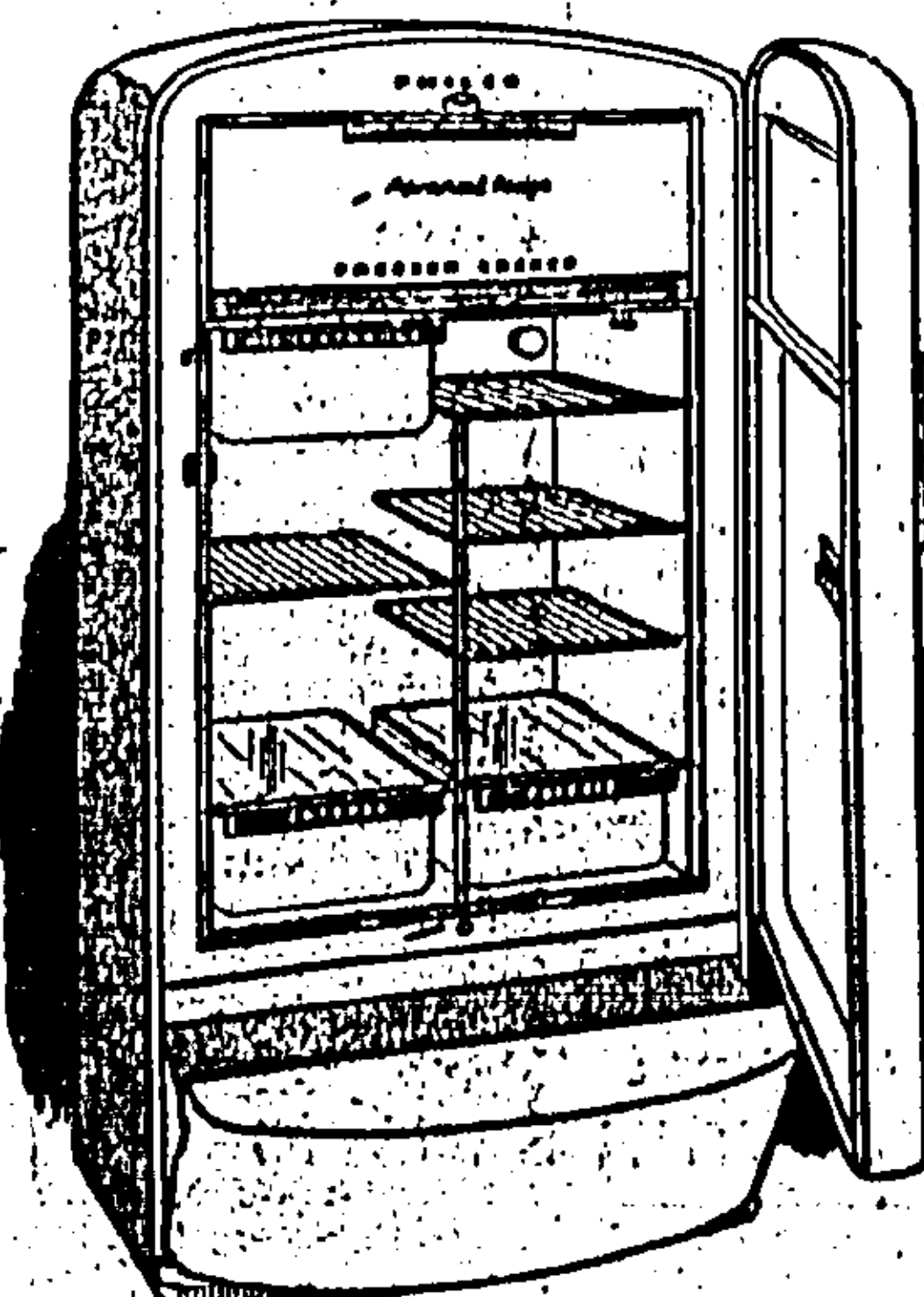
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Mayor Hits Out At Rumours

Shanghai, December 4. "There's nothing wrong with Shanghai today except the prevalence of numerous unfounded rumours," Mayor K. C. Wu stated yesterday in answer to pressmen's questions on the local situation.

After reiterating that the reports of the formation of an International Volunteer Corps on the lines of the pre-war Shanghai Volunteer Corps, composed of some half dozen nationalities, for the city were unfounded, he pointed out that the number of foreign residents here was not large enough to make such a plan feasible.

The Mayor admitted that some local factories had moved to the South but said there were no effective means of preventing such movements as long as the plants were not taken out of the country.

He added, however, that as general conditions improve and public confidence is restored, local industrialists would soon reduce their misgivings.

MR. VORYS WANTS TO KNOW WHY

Washington, December 4.

Representative Jerry Vorys, Republican, said today that the United States is not getting enough strategic raw materials from the Marshall Plan countries.

He wants to know why.

Mr. Vorys is a member of the Congressional War Relocation Committee.

Small claims of the United States Chamber of Commerce said the Government's \$3,000,000,000 five-year plan for stockpiling strategic materials is lagging seriously behind schedule.

The 16 Marshall Plan nations are required to get certain strategic raw materials on reasonable terms for the United States and at reasonable prices.

These include such items as raw rubber and copper.

"The plan for shipment of these scarce materials in exchange for grants, loans or dollars simply is not working," Mr. Vorys said.

Government reports show the largest of such supplies reaching the United States is 25,000 tons of rubber from British sources.

Associated Press.

Communism Denounced

Shanghai, December 4. More than 40 local university professors issued an open letter last night denouncing the Chinese Communists, and warning that the democratic influences of the world are today facing a grave crisis.

The lengthy letter, which was published in all vernacular papers, said any aid to rescue China under the present pressure of the Communists must be sure and quick.

It emphasized the urgency of the situation and the need for all democratic countries to prevent a further deterioration of the China situation in particular and the world situation in general.

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Quads Born In Hanover

Hanover, December 3. Quadruplets, all girls, were born to a 36-year-old tallorress in a Hanover women's clinic on Wednesday, according to the German news agency, DENA, tonight.

The agency said all four girls and the mother are in good health. The mother already has two children.—Reuter.

THE PROBLEM IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, December 4.

Mr. Schoenberg, Yu, Commissioner of the Shanghai Police, told pressmen in an interview last night that the future maintenance of order and security in this city will depend greatly upon the prudent solving of refugee problems by various authorities concerned.

He expressed the conviction that the security of Shanghai could not be threatened in the near future.

The Commissioner said the rich should contribute generously in making the winter relief fund campaign a success so that the City Government could help refugees from war-torn areas.—Reuter.

Wait And See

3. In view of the admitted failure of the American policy of limited support of Nanking to date, it is felt that the best policy at present is wait and see, in the meantime maintaining hands off.

Viewing the Chinese problem as part of the whole world struggle against Communist aggression, the policy is based on the supposition that any showdown involving a possible war with Russia should be in Europe rather than in Asia, partly because the United States is on stronger economic and moral grounds, such as is the situation in Berlin, than in China.

Opposing this policy, numerous Americans, including many military figures with long experience of Asia, feel that Washington's policy is causing disaster and is a conscious similarity to that towards Japan in the years before Pearl Harbor.

These Americans admit the imperfections of Chiang Kai-shek's regime, but believe that Chiang is still the only Chinese capable of maintaining resistance against the Communists. In this connection, even Chiang's bitterest critics say there is no question of his personal integrity, complete patriotism and indomitable courage.

Mao's Line

It was asserted that Chiang, despite his admitted unpopularity in Shanghai and other large cities, still enjoys immense prestige throughout the nation, and his disappearance would result in immediate and complete disintegration of organized opposition to the Communists, enabling them to take over the country quickly and effectively.

Answering the argument that the Chinese Communists are not united in support of the Soviet Union, critics assert that Mao Tse-tung is still the unquestioned leader of the Chinese Reds, and any study of his speeches and writings will show that he has lavishly followed the international Communist line.—United Press.

Following the Nationalist withdrawal from the Western bank of the Luohu river, the foremost line of the Government defenses in East Hopei is now situated along the rim of the mining area where order prevails, but pillboxes have recently been augmented by additional constructions, strongly manned, almost on top of the well-known Chinese cement works.

In Tongshan, bristling with troops and weapons, the occasional crack of rifle fire is audible at the dead of night, but amidst the atmosphere of tension and expectancy, a semblance of order is maintained by the authorities and inhabitants.

Reuter.

LITTLE NERVOUSNESS IN YANGTSE CITIES

(By Miles W. Vaughn)

Shanghai, December 4. There are few signs of nervousness in either Nanking or Shanghai.

This is in spite of widespread predictions that the Communist occupation of both cities is a matter of weeks, and possibly days.

I travelled on the railway from Nanking to Shanghai in five hours on the so-called flying express, which was on time and only stopped twice to examine the rails for possible Communist sabotage.

I noted little abnormality except slightly increased military guards at larger rail stations and two troops carrying an estimated 5,000 well-armed, equipped and clothed soldiers to the front, presumably for the last ditch defence of Nanking.

I was the only foreigner in the car but found no indications of anti-Americanism; a Chinese very cordially gave me a turn to sit and offered me a share of his food and cigarettes and speculated in rather detached manner what the United States is likely to do in the way of aid and what would happen if the Communists occupy the enormously rich city of Shanghai with its upwards of 3,500,000 inhabitants, including possibly 50,000 Occidentals.

Will Survive

Numerous passengers said they had lived through the Japanese occupation and supposed that the Reds would be worse but expected to survive somehow.

A postal worker remarked that the postal system will continue to function with trained employees under the Reds.

"Even the Communists must write letters and want them to be delivered promptly and patronize postal savings banks."

Streets in Nanking were normal when I leaped from the United Press house in the centre of the city five miles to the station. Many new buildings are still being constructed.

Similarly, traffic in Shanghai was jammed as usual and the pavements were lined with hawkers offering everything from clothing and shoes to Chungking oranges, big pomelos from Formosa looking like giant grape fruit and pornographic literature which would make the Paris underworld blush.

Passages to HK

All planes and ships from Shanghai were jam-packed with people leaving—both foreigners and Chinese.

Reservations of most passenger and plane flights to Hong Kong were booked through January next year. Daily flights to Formosa were booked to the limit.

Ticket offices at rail stations were swamped 24 hours daily, with long queues leaving Southward for Hangchow and Canton.

Steamship lines revealed an unwholesome flow of passage which seeks points in the South. Shipping travel agents and packing firms were swamped. The price of packing household goods from China zoomed. In some cases the packing charge is more than double the price paid for the pieces.—United Press.

Fu Tso-yi Leaves On Secret Trip

Peiping, December 4.

The North China commander General Fu Tso-yi, has left Peiping for a destination which headquarters here refused to disclose.

It is possible that he might have gone to Nanking to report on the North China situation to Chiang Kai-shek.

Increased military movements along the railway Eastward of Tientsin were reported by travellers arriving from Tongshan, the vital coal mining centre.

Two East-bound trains from Tientsin were cancelled last night owing to the heavy military traffic along the line, which is now open only up to Tongshan, beyond which a provisional service is maintained by the military authorities for an additional 12 miles up to Peichiatien.

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RAF Recall A War Feat

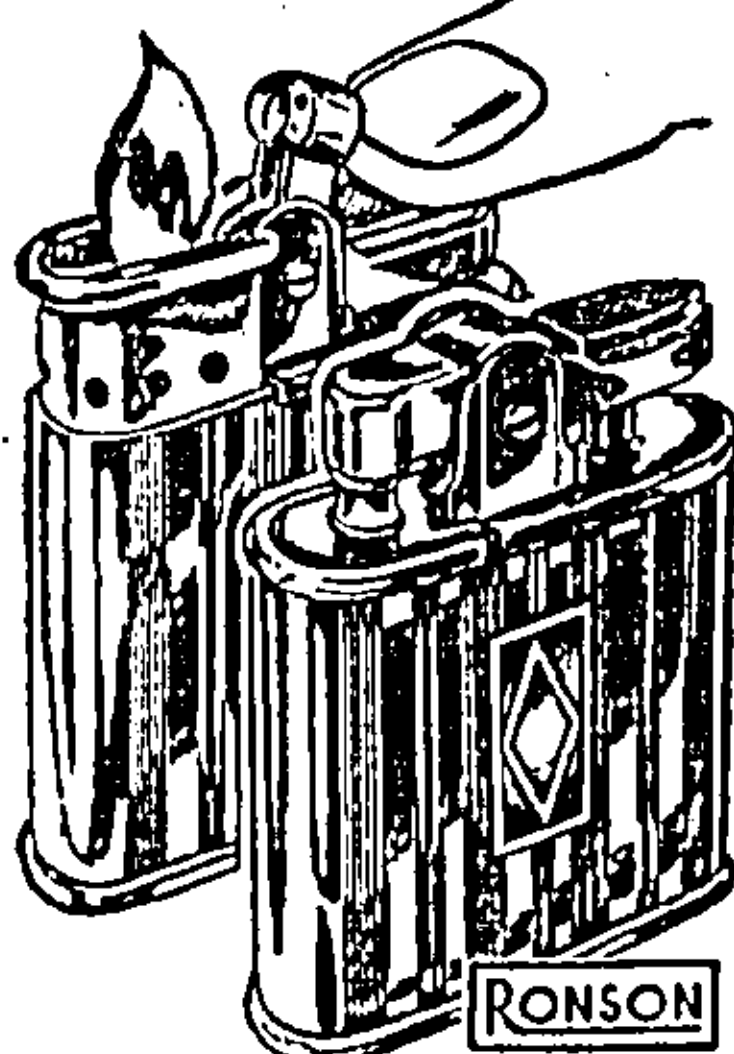
London, December 3.

The capture of an enemy submarine, complete with crew, by Royal Air Force aircraft in August 1941 will be recalled when No. 209 Squadron R.A.F. Coastal Command hold their annual reunion dinner in London tomorrow.

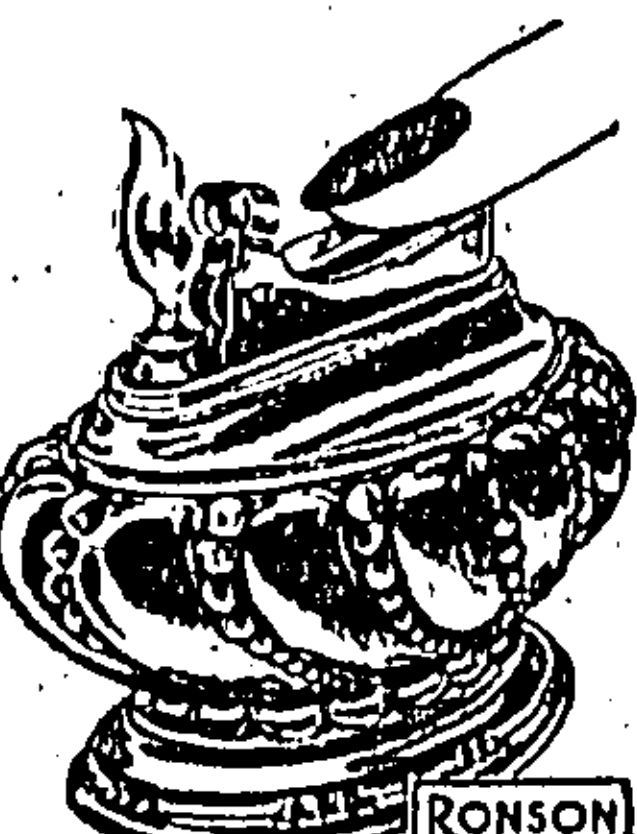
The submarine was badly damaged by a stick of bombs from a Hudson of the squadron and was forced to remain on the surface.

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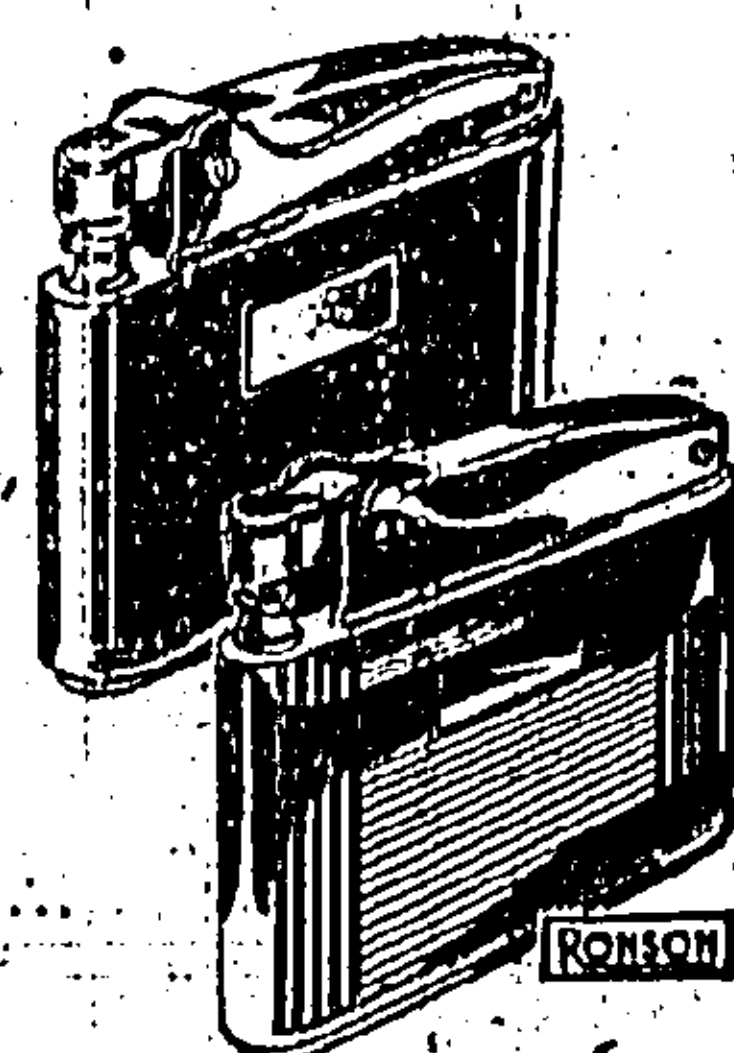
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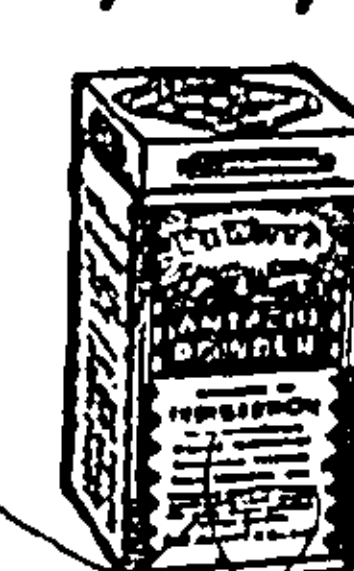


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BETWEEN OURSELVES

Bright plaids—a new dress note for the outdoor girl

CLOTHES for sport and casual occasions are going gay while remaining strictly sensible.

This Autumn "Mad about plaid" is the motto of the teen-ager, her elder sister and even her mother. The brighter the colours the better. Scarlet and emerald are wedded and electric blue and chrome yellow. There are tartans that no known clan has ever heard of.

First of the Victorian plaid outfits are appearing. They consist of plaid blouses or slacks, worn with matching skirt and plain high-necked black jumper.

Popular corduroy

There are little suits with doll-waisted jackets and neatly flared skirts and plaid slacks that are equally suitable for a round of golf or lounging around the house on a winter evening.

A tailored sweater completes the ensemble for day. For evening it can be dressed up with a dolman sleeved jumper. Plaid linings even lend colour to hoodies on coats and tough "mocs".

Next to plaid, corduroy for sportswear is fashion's favourite. Belted Norfolk jackets or the ruffled type that take kindly to a bright scarf are to be seen and corduroy slacks are equally popular.

The divided skirt has now made its return after a lapse of years. To-day it is made comfortably wide and on first glance it is impossible to tell

it from an ordinary skirt. It is the perfect solution to the problem of what to wear for the sportswoman who does not like slacks.

All the really clever girls are teaming up their outfits with a beret. It may be a childish schoolgirl affair, like the ruffled ones I saw in a shop recently for 2s. 11d., or a more sophisticated type trimmed with a feather and in the beloved corduroy. In either event it will be tilted sideways on the head at a jaunty angle.

As for cyclists, rolling outfits with check plus four and Norfolk jackets and even "shrinking suits" are finding their chief following among the very young. Older women want utilitarian designs.



Corduroy is rivaling plaid as popular sportswear. Here are two attractive examples by Peter Robinson. The corduroy slacks on left are in green, matched with a warm, long-sleeved red cardigan, which can be buttoned up to a round neck on cold days.

On right is a mustard yellow corduroy jacket without revers, worn with plaid wool pleated skirt in green and mustard. Note the large green corduroy beret with bold feather plume as trimming.

Stay The Same

No one can afford to dress by whim alone. Without a plan you'll collect a closetful of misfits. So before you buy, believe what the glass tells you about your height, carriage, proportions, coloring, and keep the mirrored image in your mind. Other points:

Always think in terms of carry-overs from one year to the next. Every well-assembled wardrobe should progress from year to year—not be scrambled together each season. And try to stay the same size, please.

All your best laid plans will be laid waste if you keep changing size.



This should go with a swing. A Jaeger outfit for the sporting miss with cherry-red plaid trousers. The plain, round-necked sweater is in black. The outfit will be at Whiteleys shortly.

BEAUTY FOOD

Breakfast for beauty, to put pluck in the cheeks and spring in the step, is behind the current dietary idea of making each meal contribute one-third of the nutrition needs for the day.

To spread energy over the day, start with some source of Vitamin C; have an orange, half a grapefruit or the juice, or tomato juice.

This is to remove any energy "low-spot," and is directed particularly to the "fruit-juice-and-coffee only" breakfasters, who lack morning pep and need a better starter for the day.

Vitamin B₁ to pep you up, comes in whole-grain bread or cereal.

Some protein is needed in the meal, and this is in milk for the cereal, or in an egg.

Calcium is needed, too; it's a buffer for the nerves, and the milk is a good source.

Those who don't have milk on cereal might like coffee that is one-part hot milk; make the coffee fairly strong, then add the hot milk to it.

A little fat at breakfast makes energy last longer, so use a pat of butter.

As a change for a morning beauty cocktail a glass of hot mint tea is suggested, spiked with the juice of one lemon and a teaspoonful of honey; or sliced orange or prune juice.

Ann Temple Don't Give In

Can you give me a tip on how NOT to give in to a depression when things go wrong?—A.L.

THAT'S the idea. Not giving in. Treating depression as an enemy, something to be warded off.

Different people have different ways of keeping their spirits up. I like the one of taking a quick look back to a time when I got the better of a bad break or when I had some little success or other. I won then. I'll win again. It gives confidence and the will to attack again.

Some people have a way of making one feel unwanted, not by downright rudeness but in a way I can't analyse. What is it?

And what is the secret of being able to put people at their ease?—STO

GIVING them your undivided attention. Probably the insult you can't analyse is that subtle conveyance of intention. Done by glancing away, turning over the leaves of a magazine, looking towards the door or out of the window when you are talking to them.

In general conversation excluding you to talk of people and things known only to themselves, using code words of their own, giving invitations and making social arrangements in which you are not included.

Is there any way of proving or assuring oneself that one is

really in love with a girl and not merely temporarily attracted?—P.J.

THERE'S always time and absence. With these infatuation decreases and vanishes—love strengthens.

Also love brings out the best in one. Infatuation fans one's weaknesses.

"BLAME the parents for children's bad manners, not the teachers," say the girls of one school. Having read my report of the Council of Seven Women's discussion on Education, they picked out the comment on bad manners, and I have been reading their essays (kindly sent on to me by their teacher) on the subject.

Don't be too sure that they take teacher's side because teacher is going to read the essay. Almost all these 14-year-olds back up their opinion by sound reasoning.

Manners are already formed by the time they get to school. Parents have more time and power over their children, parents are often not careful about manners themselves, and children always copy their parents.

"Adults generally are very badmannered," writes one young philosopher. Another adds, "rider that even if parents and teachers teach good manners, mixing with other children whose

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Manners are bad unless their work.

I am wondering what prompts 14-year-old Hazel's slinging dinner. "It depends on the teacher whether she is strict or easy with the children. Some children won't go with rough and ride children in class, they get into trouble. It would do some people good to get into trouble."

And I find 15-year-old Molly's remark on the school-leaving age revealing. "Girls and boys from 14 up should not be allowed to stay at school, especially as schools are very short staffed. We have to have some very young mistresses to teach us, and some of the bigger girls take advantage of them. The younger teachers ought to teach in younger schools, and the older teachers come to us at senior schools."

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Between Ourselves: Continued From Page 18

FESTIVE FROCKS

By JANET MARTIN

Gay frocks for Christmas parties! This week I have chosen some festive little frocks for those informal parties where we can expect plenty of fun and lots of games.

Elaborate gowns are apt to get in the way; very long skirts are a nuisance. What is required is something fairly simple but definitely gay, with a reflection in itself of the party spirit.

The frock illustrated, worn by charming Jane Wyman, star of Warner Bros., is a perfect example. It is a tailored shirt-maker dress, cut on simple lines with full sleeves and slightly flared skirt. The material is lame, in a heavenly shade of periwinkle blue which glitters enchantingly. Miss Wyman wears with it a dramatic jewelled brooch on one point of the collar.



Taffeta is always a favourite material for party wear, so this is my next choice, in that intriguing new shade of mauve sponsored by Schiaparelli. It has a wide, square neck and small sleeves. The skirt is narrow, but drawn across from a high waistline at the right and gathered to the natural waistline at the left, where it bunches into a cascade of folds, tapering to the hem. The bodice is sewn with tiny dainty motifs.

Then black, with the relief of fine lace, a flirtatious frock of soft crepe built to the new high waistline with a filmy bodice of black lace. The skirt is plain at the front but breaks into fluted folds at the back. A fold of the crepe around the lace shoulders, like a berthe collar, is drawn down to a modest décolletage at the back.

Muted tones are the season's choice but they can be as gay as any when the occasion and the right touch of contrast demand. Take a pale beige maroon, cut with bodice and sleeves in one, the long shoulder line broken by gathers which drape into a suspicion of a cowl neckline.

Keep the skirt fitting smoothly over the hips then flare it out in graceful folds. Now sprinkle a glittering band of bronze sequined embroidery slantwise across the front, the top edge of the band from shoulder to waist, the lower edge from waist to hip level.

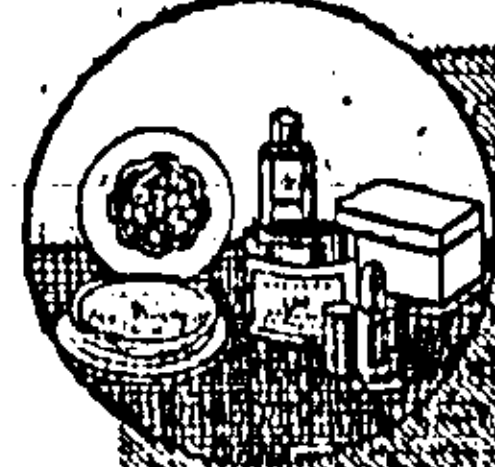
This is a year too rich, even gorgeous fabrics. Don't think of brocades and laces only in terms of formal evening gowns. They can be even more strikingly effective when cut with great simplicity with nothing to detract from the beauty of the cloth.

For parties they can have all the glamour without the formality. One model, in gilt embroidered rose brocade cut with the greatest economy of line, has the lifted waistline, smooth fitted bodice and slim straight skirt.

Short, cap sleeves, round neck fitted closely to the throat, nothing more, but quite enough. The contrast of simple styling and rich material is arresting. Midnight blue satin makes a gleaming background for extravagant bracelets and exotic costume jewellery. A plain style again, for choice, such as a delightful model with rounded neck and short sleeves, buttoning with soft buttons down the back to the waist.

The skirt has the smart, plain front, with a soft fold which begins almost imperceptibly in front, gathers into fullness over the hips and cascades into a full drape at the back. Wear corals with this, bunched into a heaped bracelet.

For the teen-ager, the new neckline, a wide, deeply rounded curve, just on the shoulder and softened by a rolled over collar. Small, puffed sleeves and fitted bodice complete the top. The skirt is gathered all round the waist and finished with a narrow gold belt. The original, in mist blue crepe, has a row of tiny gold stars round the edge of the collar and sprinkled over the skirt.



At Your Fingertips
by Victor Mamak

"Dear Mr. Mamak, I am a grandmother (not too old, really) with completely gray hair, light complexion, blue eyes, and I am perfectly happy. I shall be grateful if you would be good enough to suggest some beauty hints for a woman of my age and type. I am 55. GRAY-HAIRED BUT HAPPY.

You do not really need any beauty hints. You possess the best cosmetic in the world. Happiness. However, here are some hints that you may use to your advantage.

Gray hair is your special charm, so play up to it. Let your hair be the guide in choosing your make-up, clothes and jewelry etc.

First of all, I would suggest a daily and regular use of a reliable hormone cream to keep your complexion young and fresh looking.

Your hair should have soft, loose waves, NO tight little curls, please.

Since you are light complexioned, your make-up should be just a shade darker than your skin. The rouge and lipstick, of course, must be chosen in relation to your hair. Fuschia-Reds, just that hint of purple or blue will be most flattering. Use your rouge sparingly - just a slight blushing of colour.

A subtle touch of blue or violet eye-shadow will add beauty to your eyes. And, by the way, if you wear glasses, these are no bar to eye make-up.

You should avoid pale, costume shades. Rich, dark shades will be most becoming. Also shiny materials should be put on the "forbidden" list. Materials with dull finishes should be your choice.

For your jewellery, no gold accessories are recommended, only platinum or silver jewellery and gray pearls.

Beauty Treatment For The Hair

By CLAUDIA

Fashion news from the Beauty Front is all about the shorter coiffure. Every week, more and more of us are making the big decision to have our locks shorn to the new length and arranged in one of the many attractive short-hair styles.

At the same time, beauty specialists are taking an increasing interest in the problems of hair care, stressing the importance of correct treatment, conditioning and shampooing. The hair and scalp must receive the same care and attention as the skin, nails or figure.

Experts advise more frequent shampooing, especially with the new soapless detergents, which cleanse hair and scalp without leaving the slightest film or residue. On the other hand, they advocate more frequent oiling, to nourish and lubricate the scalp in the same way that skin foods and night creams are used for the face.

Hair reacts most sensitively to climatic conditions and to the slightest variation in bodily health. Sun and wind make it bleached, dry and brittle; ill health makes it dry, dull and lifeless. For the shorter hair styles, it is more important than ever that the hair should be kept in the very best condition, for they demand not only skilled cutting and shaping and immaculate grooming but the glossy sheen of brilliant, healthy hair.

Make the practice of oiling the scalp a routine job before the weekly shampoo. Almond oil,

oil which gives the hair that lovely sheen which no brilliantine or dressing can counterfeit. And the brushing, to be really effective, must be thorough. A good stiff brush, a long, steady stroke drawn from the scalp, in one sweep to the hair tips are needed; and a routine that never allows a day to be missed. Finish by brushing the hair down and brushing from the crown up to the crown. After brushing, the hair will fall back into deeper and more attractively natural waves than ever. It is a fallacy to imagine that brushing will spoil the set.

Occasional Tonic

Apart from cleansing and nourishing the scalp needs an occasional stimulating tonic, especially if it is inclined to greyness or a tendency to dandruff. A spirituous tonic lotion or friction lotion is best. These are usually obtainable in sprinkler bottles and should be applied along partings made in the same way as when oiling the scalp. Massage briskly with the fingertips and the surplus lotion will quickly evaporate, leaving a fresh, cool feeling, invigorating each and every hair.

Brilliantine should be used only as a final dressing and very sparingly, just to help the waves settle into place. Neglected hair will quickly respond to this kind of treatment. Lovely tresses are the crown of beauty; regular care, which brings out their subtle hints in even the most "mousey" shades of hair, is worth far, far more than the effort of the simple routine required.

To make curly curls, cut stalks lengthwise into thin strips to within 1 inch of end and place in ice water. Longer stalks may be curled at both ends.

To remove vegetable stains from hands rub them with a slice of lemon.

olive oil or, if the hair is thin, a richer mixture of castor and olive oil in equal parts, may be used.

The oil should be slightly warmed so that it works in easily and should be left on for at least an hour before shampooing. The best way to apply it, so that it is evenly distributed, is to comb the hair straight back, then make a parting from front to back, just above the ears, and rub in the oil with the fingertips along the parting line. Then make another parting about half an inch higher and repeat the process until the entire head has been covered. This is your skin food for the scalp.

Two Latherings

To remove the oil, at least two latherings with shampoo will be needed, one to loosen the oil, one to float away all remaining grease and dirt. Rinse well between each lathering. Work in the lather vigorously, kneading the scalp with the fingertips until it glows and tingles.

When the hair and scalp are completely clean, they are devoid not only of dust and dirt, but also of oils, both natural and applied. This is where the second stage of oiling the hair comes in. . . . this time with the natural oil of the scalp. . . . and it can only be done by brushing.

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"TASMAN"	from Macassar	to Javaport	7th January	8th Jan.
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WEST COAST SHIPPING STRIKE OFFICIALLY COME TO AN END

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The West Coast maritime strike ended officially at noon on Friday but there was no certainty that long idled ships, would sail in the immediate future.

No sooner did the last of the striking CIO and independent unions come to terms in their 93-day strike than a new maritime hitch developed in demands of the non-striking AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific.

London Stock Exchange

London, December 3.
The Berlin situation seemed to be responsible for caution and hesitancy today. Prices in most sections moved to slightly lower levels in small trading.

Government stocks were widely 1/4 lower. Talk persists in this section of coming Government financing but this is at present without confirmation.

The fall in stock prices led to a rise in the price of foreign bonds as a result of a few pence but there was no change in the price of the 10% bond.

There was no follow-through of yesterday's strength in South African mines. Lack of further support on the part of the market was generally slightly weaker although the market was not without a few bright spots.

REVENUE: British Consols, 2 1/2, 7 1/2; Conversion Loan, 3 1/2, 10 1/2; Funding Loan, 4 1/2, 11 1/2; War Loan, 4 1/2, 11 1/2; Victory Bonds, 4 1/2, 11 1/2.

INDUSTRIALS: British American Tobacco, 10 1/2; G.I. & Ireland, 6 1/2; Imp. Chemical Industries, 10 1/2; Imperial Tobacco Co., 10 1/2.

TEA SHARERS: Assam Consolidated Tea, 21/0; Assam Frontier Tea, 10/7; Assam Tea Company, 22/2; Dooars Tea Company, 25/6; Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co., 16/7; Imperial Tea Company, 22/3.

MINE SHARERS: Durban Corp., 6 1/2; Crown Mines, 3 1/2; Nanyang Mines, 10 1/2; Rand Mines, 10 1/2; Spring Mines, 8 1/2; Sub-Nickel, 4 1/2; Taseco Tin Co., 1 1/2; Union Corp., 21/2.

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SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot fine ounce 42 1/2, Forward 42 1/2; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172 1/2.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price) 70 cts; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) 35.

Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 178, Annas 12; Forward 176, 10; Mithrai (unofficial) 176, 12; Gold, delivered, per tola 113, 13; Forward (unofficial) 113, 01; Gold, Sovereign 75, 04. (One tola is equal to 1/16 of an ounce).

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, baht-weight of 15.244 grammes. Unquoted Exchange Rate (Selling) Bangkok on New York T.T. 19.75; London 00.50; Hong Kong 3.80.

Paris: Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 5,800 Frs.; French 10 franc coins 2,760; Swiss franc 5,700; Union Latine 5,350; Sovereign 7,225; Half Sovereign 3,380; U.S. \$ 20 Coin 28,700; U.S. \$ 10 Coin 14,050; Sovereign (in free US \$ per ounce) \$98.9; Napoleon (in free US \$ per ounce) \$98.2; U.S. Dollars (in black market) 485.

Paris: Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold Ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/244 Frs.; Without counterpart 770/808; Silver Ingots, per kilo 6,000; Platinum Ingots, per kilo 600,000; 655,000.—Reuter.

TRADE TALKS HELD UP
London, December 3.
The Anglo-Swedish trade talks in London are temporarily held up to enable the Swedish delegation to get fresh instructions from Stockholm.

The Swedish delegation apparently considers that Sweden's ability to supply iron ore, timber and wood pulp to Britain during next year's winter is a higher proportion of British coal and steel than Britain proposes.

It seems both sides have so far refused to yield and it is believed little progress can be made until new instructions arrive from Stockholm.—Reuter.

INSURANCE RATE INCREASED
London, December 4.
Insurance rates on cargoes to ports in war-torn North China were more than doubled by the Institute of London Underwriters.

Rates on cargoes to ports North of Shanghai were advanced from 7/6d to £1.

The old rate continues on cargoes to Shanghai and ports South of that city.—Associated Press.

QUEEN HELEN IN LONDON
London, December 3.
Queen Helen of Rumania, mother of ex-king Michael, arrived here by air from Geneva today on a private visit.—Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS
San Francisco, December 4.
Arrivals: Sgt. Morris Crain from Inchon; Sgt. Mission San Rafael from Guam.

Departures: Shooting Star for Okinawa; Tanker Mission Santa Ana for Yokohama.

Seattle arrival, Francis Scott Key from Yokohama.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN BANK Moves From Tientsin
New York, December 4.
The National City Bank of New York is suspending operations at its Tientsin branch at the close of business on Saturday because of the disturbed conditions and curtailment of business in North China.

Accounts remaining on the branch will be transferred to the National City's Shanghai branch.—Associated Press.

Wall Street Sentiment "Fearful"
New York, December 3.
The National City Bank, in its December letter, declares that the decline in stock markets showed that sentiment at least in that area has turned fearful since the presidential congressional elections.

The stock market evidently anticipates new and heavy taxes and fourth round wage increases, as well as fearing that price and material controls may be reinstated.

"From these premises, the conclusion is drawn that both funds available for business and spending, and the incentive to go ahead with plant and equipment programmes may diminish," the bank said.

However, all reasoning as to the election's effects so far is conjectural as it does not include all elements which influence business and psychology.

"Against the deflationary effect of heavier business taxes may be set the inflationary effect of heavier Government spending."

Fear of a business recession and price decline and at the same time the re-establishment of price and other controls is self-evident contradiction, the bank pointed out.—Reuter.

Shared Refuge With A Bull
Stornoway, December 3.
The crew of five of the Stornoway fishing vessel, Triumph, which was sunk in a gale last night, were rescued today by the Stornoway lifeboat from the Island of Tava on to which they had scrambled.

After their rescue today, the men said they saw the lifeboat searching for them last night but they had nothing to signal with. They had tried shouting but it was useless against the gale. They found shelter on the island but had to share it with a bull.

They are all young ex-servicemen and had bought the Triumph only a few weeks ago.—Reuter.

THE HARMSWORTH FORTUNE
Egham, December 3.
Lord Harmsworth, the former Liberal Member of Parliament for Droghda and for Luton, left £234,078.

He was the former Chairman of the Associated Newspapers and a Director of the Amalgamated Press. He was the son of the late Alfred Harmsworth and brother of the late Viscount Northcliffe and late Lord Rothermere.—Reuter.

NY RUBBER
New York, December 4.
Crude rubber standard futures closed quiet, no sales.

Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed 23 to 24 higher. Sales 73 contracts. March, 18.40; May, 18.35; July, 18.15.

No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 18 1/2 nominal.—Associated Press.

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Break-Up Of Burglar Gang Seen

With the arrest of Wong Mai alias Tai Sang, Aw Yim alias Aw Chiu, and Wong Shu, by Detective-Corporal Chan Kam-pui of Mong Kok Station, the police believe that they have broken the gang responsible for a series of burglaries in the Mong Kok area recently.

The three men were charged before Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday with burglary at an unnumbered hut at Krenner Street on November 20, at 58 Fuk Tsun Heung Street, ground floor, on November 20, and at an unnumbered hut at Fuk Tsun Heung Street on December 1.

They were further charged with possession of a bit, a jemmy and a crow-bar at an unnumbered hut at Tai Kok Tsui on December 2.

The first two defendants faced the additional charges of being in the company of a person who had been charged with burglary at an unnumbered hut at 3 Beech Street, ground floor, on November 23.

All the burglaries were reported to have been committed between two and four o'clock in the morning. The loot included lead, iron hammers, wire, a pair of spectacles, two chickens, woollen jackets, clothing, and a moh-jong set, to the total value of \$800.

On the application of Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, accused were remanded for three days in custody.

Successful Bazaars

With a flourish of lilies and a roll of drums, the Diocesan Girls' School Bazaar was declared open by Mrs. Anna Matthews.

The ceremony was held at the tennis court of the school compound yesterday afternoon. The Flies and Drums of the First Battalion, Duffs, were present.

Miss A. W. Hurrell, Principal of the School, welcomed all to "this dangerous place" for all the girls were out for the pitiless moment, she said with great humor.

Decorated in all the colours of the tropical sunset, the school hall was thrown open to young people who liked to exhibit their skill on the dance floor. Tea was served by the schoolgirls.

The Precious Blood Convent Bazaar was opened by Mr. C. K. Chau at 2.30 p.m. yesterday.

Among the distinguished patrons present was Monsignor Henry Valtorta, Bishop of Hong Kong.

The convent compound was gaily bedecked with multi-coloured streamers and balloons. There were the usual games of skill and luck. A chessroom of the convent was temporarily converted into a salesroom for exquisite needlework that are ideal for Christmas presents.

The bazaar will be open today until 6 p.m.

Badminton Standard Picking Up; Chinese YMCA Takes Lead

(By ARGONAUT)

The second week of League games saw the majority of players picking up some of last season's form, although the standard, as a whole, was far from what it was at the end of last season.

Increasing keenness is, however, being exhibited by the various clubs, and with practices now taking place on all the available courts, League games will soon take a more interesting turn.

The Chinese YMCA made a promising start, leading in all the divisions of the League they have entered.

In the Junior Mixed Doubles, Recreio and St. Teresa's "A" are at the top, and the honours for this division will probably go to one of these two clubs.

KCC went down to two defeats last week in the Senior Division, 10th to the Chinese YMCA—one in the Men's Doubles and one in the Mixed Doubles.

In the Men's Division Saul and Gillis managed to win the only game for the KCC and were the only pair to put up any resistance, although Fisher and Comer did make a very good attempt of getting another game in their last match of the evening against W. F. Fao and W. C. Chung.

Saul had one of his off-days, induced to a certain extent by those continual drop-shots which fell just out of his reach. I am inclined to believe he could play a better game if he stood just a little further up the net so as to be within reach of those drop-shots.

The "Y" have two very strong combinations in P. H. Wong and Robert Tay, and B. Young and P. K. Hooi, but the third pair still leaves something to be desired.

W. C. Chung is playing exceptionally well this season, but in the mainstay of the "Y" Junior team will not be available in another match.

I do not know who will partner Fao, but the "Y" may have to find a strong partner for him. If their third pair is to win any games at all in their important coming games.

Deadly Smashes

P. K. Hooi, who holds the record of having won the greatest number of badminton titles in the colony, has regained some of his pre-war form, and his devastating smashes seem to have recovered their old sting and precision.

The Senior Mixed Doubles match which the KCC lost by eight games to one saw the appearance of a new lady player on the local court in the person of Mrs. Stokes. In partnership with Gillis, she won the only game of the night for her Club, and I have no doubt she will win many more with a little more practice.

Mrs. Tamworth has improved tremendously since I last saw her play. She possesses a beautiful style and the most powerful smash among all the ladies that have been seen in action.

Gambling Den Raided In Central

Armed with a special warrant, Detective Inspector Hui Hung-cheung and his party carried out a raid on the second floor of No. 344 Queen's Road Central on Friday.

A game of "Pai Kau" was in progress and the keeper, Chiu Oi-yu, a married woman and her five patrons were taken by surprise.

Besides arresting the six people, the police seized from the table \$89, the cards, the table and the chairs.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida yesterday, Chan pleaded guilty to being the keeper and was fined \$200 or one month.

All the gamblers failed to show up and their bail of \$25 each was ordered to be entered.

The table money seized was ordered to be confiscated to the poor box and the other items to the Crown.

Today's Sport

Soccer

SENIOR SHIELD
South China "A" v Royal Navy (Caroline Hill, 3.45 p.m.)

Kit Chee v Kwong Wah (Navy Ground, 3.45 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD
Kit Chee v Chinese AA (Caroline Hill, 2 p.m.)

PCA v Tramways (Navy Ground, 2 p.m.)

Police v Taihook (B. Mary Street, 3.45 p.m.)

Rockey

RAF v Club de Recreio, Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Yeo Sins Gater and P. F. Xavier.

Cable & Wireless v HK Police, King's Park, RRRC (2), 9.30 a.m. Umpires: S.B.P.O. Yeomans and Mrs. Dora R.N.

Army v Civil Service, Sookunpoo, 10 a.m. Umpires: G. T. Palmer and E. R. A. Miller.

Rhalm v Dutch HC, King's Park, RRRC (2), 10.45 a.m. Umpires: Mr. Merritt and S.B.C.P.O. Shaw.

Navy v Dockyard RC, King's Park, RRRC (1), 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Capt. H. J. Chisnell and J. S. Grewell.

YMCA v University, King's Park (YMCA) 10 a.m. Umpires: D. T. Smith and Mohan Singh.

Bowls

Annual Masonic Match—English Constitution v Scottish Constitution at Kowloon Bowling Green Club 2 p.m.

Army Soccer League

With the first half of the season practically over, the two Gunner teams have firmly established themselves at the top of the league.

In gaining two points at the expense of Minor Units, Gunners "A" were rather fortunate and for once their free-scoring forwards were held in check by a sound defence.

Gunners "B" however, playing at home, had an easier match beating BMH by four clear goals.

A few postponed matches have yet to be played off before the second half of the season starts on January 5.

Matches played on Wednesday, December 1:
Minor Units 0 Gunners 1
Gunners "B" 4 BMH 0
RASC "B" 2 Gurkhas "B" 1
Gurkhas "B" 0 RASC "A" 0

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE
W L D F A Pts
Gunners "A" 11 0 0 25 16 18
Gunners "B" 9 0 1 0 41 17
Minor Units 11 0 0 28 14 14
Buff "A" 8 0 2 28 6 18
Signals 9 0 0 28 19 12
Buff "B" 6 0 1 20 11 11
RASC "A" 9 4 1 4 21 18 9
DMH 10 3 1 6 15 32 7
Gurkhas "A" 10 2 2 6 12 16 6
RASC "B" 9 2 1 6 13 26 5
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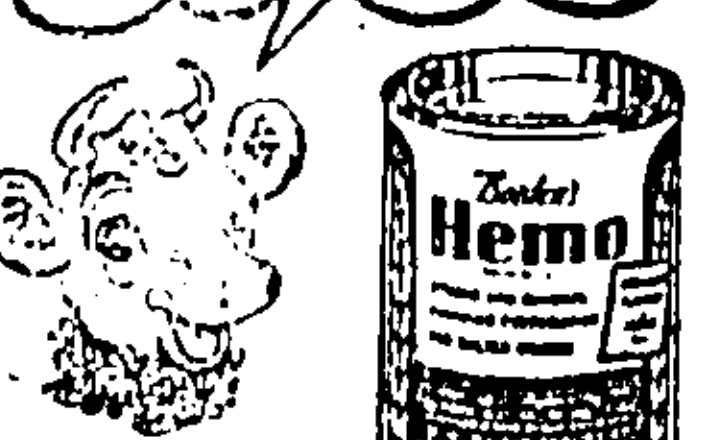
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Recreio XI Beat HKCC Optimists KCC Swamp Airmen, Craigengower XI Lose

One of the biggest surprises in yesterday's First Division Cricket was the crushing defeat of HKCC "Optimists" by Club de Recreio, who won by seven wickets.

Kowloon Cricket Club also confounded their critics by virtue of a magnificent nine wicket victory over Royal Air Force.

HKCC "Scorpions" showed their sting when they beat Indian Recreation Club by 102 runs, while Army, contrary to expectations, beat Craigengower by 70 runs.

In the two junior games which were played, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to Royal Air Force by 41 runs and Royal Navy went down to Hong Kong University by 46 runs.

Recreio—Optimists

At King's Park, Club de Recreio beat HKCC "Optimists" by seven wickets.

L. D. Kilbee sportingly declared his side's innings closed when the score stood at 131 for six wickets. M. M. Little was the highest scorer, with 33 runs.

A. P. Pereira was the most successful Recreio bowler, taking six wickets for 47 runs.

G. N. Gosano gave another unblemished display, knocking out 55 runs before being bowled. A. J. Prata contributed a bright 12, while E. L. Gosano had 28 runs not out to his credit in the close of play.

D. McLellan took two wickets for 33 runs.

HKCC OPTIMISTS

M. M. Little, b. Pereira, 33
L. D. Kilbee, c. Beltrao, 12
P. Pereira, 6
G. N. Gosano, b. Beltrao, 55
A. J. Prata, b. Pereira, 12
E. L. Gosano, b. Beltrao, 28
Extras, 3

Total declared for 6 wks, 131

A. S. Deson, A. E. Perry and A. L. Smith did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
A. P. Pereira 10 3 47 5
L. D. Kilbee 3 17 12 1
G. N. Gosano 14 3 44 1
A. J. Prata 4 1 8 1
E. L. Gosano 1 12 2 1
Extras 3

RECREIO

L. D. Kilbee, c. Deson, b. Mahon 2
A. J. Prata, b. McLellan, 43
G. N. Gosano, c. Kilbee, 55
E. L. Gosano, not out, 28
P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., not out, 11
Extras 2

(Total for 3 wks.) 141

N. Beltrao, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Pereira, T. P. Gosano, J. A. Soares, and L. Viegas, did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
T. P. Mahon 8 1 40 1
D. McLellan 6 33 2
A. E. Perry 4 18 1
G. T. Howe 2 17 1
A. L. Smith 4 23 1
W. L. Howard 1 4 1
R. W. Franklin 1 4 1

KCC—RAF

Playing at Home, Kowloon Cricket Club defeated Royal Air Force by nine wickets.

Batting first, RAF were dismissed for 60 runs, A. D. Pantone being top-scorer with 21 runs. N. Hart-Baker (4 for 12) and H. E. Matthews (4 for 10) were the

Against the deadly bowling of the "Scorpions" the IRC batsmen crumbled like nine-pins, the only batsmen to reach double figures being A. R. Sufilad (17) and S. H. Khan (10).

J. D. Clague returned the best bowling figures for the "Scorpions," taking four wickets at the cost of only three runs!

T. A. Pearce followed up his fine batting performance by taking three wickets for 12 runs while E. F. Gee sent two of the Indians back to the Pavilion for only 13 runs.

HKCC "SCORPIONS"
L. F. Stokes, c. Nazarin, b. Abbas 45
J. E. Richardson, c. Khan, b. Ismail 10
T. A. Pearce, c. Kitchell, b. Ismail 53
D. M. Leach, b. Kitchell 7
M. Owen-Hughes, c. and b. Nazarin 0
O. J. Kerr, not out 29
J. D. Clague, not out 3
A. F. Duffy, c. Archiball, b. Ismail 2
Extras 10

Total for 6 wks, declared 100

K. J. Attwell, G. F. Gee and A. P. Weir did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
A. R. Sufilad 11 27 2
A. K. Ismail 11 30 2
A. R. Abbas 7 21 2
A. R. Kitchell 6 13 1
K. Nazarin 3 17 1

K. Nazarin, b. Clague 0
S. A. Ismail, b. Clague 0
A. R. Kitchell, c. Owen-Hughes, b. Clague 7
A. R. Abbas, c. Owen-Hughes, b. Pearce 7
A. R. Sufilad, c. Clague, b. Pearce 17
A. K. Ismail, b. Clague 1
A. R. Abbas, c. Gee 3
S. H. Khan, b. Pearce 10
A. R. Sufilad, c. Gee 4
A. R. Sufilad, c. Pearce 4
M. Samy, not out 0
Extras 10

Total 58

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
J. D. Clague 11 8 3 4
H. Owen 10 1 29 1
T. A. Pearce 5 1 12 3
E. F. Gee 4 4 13 2

Army—CCC
Craigengower, who were at home to Army, went down by 70 runs.

Taking first lease of the wicket, Army knocked up 104 runs, of which Burton contributed 29. Billmorla was the most deadly CCC bowler, taking five wickets for 3 runs.

In their venture at the wicket, CCC put up a very miserable performance against the Army attack, the whole team being out for a paltry 34 runs. Burton was in devastating form with the ball, dismissing five of the CCC batsmen for only seven runs. Jones also captured five wickets, giving away only 21 runs.

Murray-Brown, c. Ismail, b. Billmorla 9

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Burton, b. Billmorla 29
Dawe, lbw, b. Billmorla 1
Halg, b. Crabtree 0
French-Blake, b. Crabtree 5
Banton, lbw, b. Crabtree 10
Bell, not out 13
Steph, c. Souza, b. Billmorla 9
Wall, lbw, b. Crabtree 0
Jones, b. Crabtree 14
Extras 1

Total 104

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Billmorla 20 9 30 5
Crabtree 19 2 51 5

CCC
C. Hong Choy, b. Banton 0
R. Tay, c. Steph, b. Jones 0
G. Souza, c. Burton, b. Banton 0
S. Ramchand, c. Burton, b. Banton 0
R. O. Baker, c. Dawe, b. Jones 0
K. Y. Tam, c. b. Banton 11
A. H. Ismail, c. Steph, b. Jones 0
Billmorla, b. Banton 0
D. J. Leonard, c. French-Blake, b. Jones 4
C. W. Lam, b. Jones 4
T. Crabtree, not out 3
Extras 6

Total 34

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Banton 7 4 7 5
Jones 7 1 21 5

SECOND DIVISION
KCC—RAF

Fielding only nine men, the Kowloon Cricket Club Second XI lost to Royal Air Force by 41 runs at Kai Tak.

Scores were:
RAF
Collins, lbw, Bond 27
Overland, b. Hancock 10
Follett, b. Hancock 10
Priestley, st. Leigh, b. Bond 4
Sawyer, b. Hancock 13
McLeod, run out 8
Wildman, run out 8
Extras 1

Total 107

Cooke, Wheat, Holmes, and Turner did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Hancock 15 3 47 3
White 15 3 47 3
Bond 8 1 26 1

KCC
S. C. Trueman, c. Priestley, b. Follett 2
V. White, run out 23
E. Randall, b. Follett 12
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Total 66

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Sawyer 11 3 21 4
Follett 10 3 38 3

Navy—University
At King's Park, Royal Navy lost to Hong Kong University by 46 runs.

Tough Navy were somewhat unfortunate to lose, because if they had been able to hold out for another five minutes, they would have forced a draw.

Batting first, the Undergraduates had 88 runs on the board when their last wicket fell. Needing 89 to win, the Navy batsmen failed miserably, the only batsman to stand up to the University bowling being Fluck, who scored 19.

UNIVERSITY
S. M. Teh scored a hat-trick when he dismissed Fluck for 19 runs. Salmon for a duck and Anthill for a duck.

S. M. Teh, b. Hart 6
T. Lo, c. Funn, b. White 4
J. M. Gosano, b. Hart 0
L. T. Ridge, c. Anthill, b. Hart 0
D. Chelliah, b. Browne 1
S. A. Vanar, b. Hart 10
D. Hanson, c. Thornley, b. Browne 0
C. Huang, c. Hart, b. White 12
J. C. Koh, b. Hart 9
E. Ho, b. Hart 3
T. F. Lean, not out 9
Extras 22

Total 83

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Hart 14 7 19 6
White 11 7 18 2
Browne 5 1 13 2
Thornley 4 1 11 2
Hann 4 1 5 1

ROYAL NAVY
White, b. Teh 1
Evans, c. Gosano, b. Teh 6
Haberston, c. Lo, b. Teh 4
Hart, run out 2
Hughes, run out 0
Thornley, c. Chelliah, b. Lean 1
Fluck, b. Teh 19
Salmon, b. Teh 0
Anthill, b. Teh 0
Hann, not out 7
Browne, c. Chelliah, b. Koh 2

Total 42

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
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Batting first, Recreio were dismissed for 92 runs, of which L. J. Remedios contributed 25. Moitwalla (4 for 25), Abou (3 for 28) and A. Ebrahim (2 for seven), shared the wickets.

Indian Recreation scored 106 for six, of which M. A. Wahub Jnr. and M. A. Wahub Snr. contributed 27 not out and 25 respectively. E. A. R. Alves took four wickets for 32 runs.

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Favourites Take Bad Beating

Black Market Upsets Norse Queen, Pays \$122.90

Have You Won?

RACE 1	
1st No. 4820	\$4,563
2nd " 1499	1,301
3rd " 6574	650
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)	
No. 3101, 2446, 3201, 3990,	
2166, 3295, 1963.	
RACE 2	
1st No. 1108	\$4,382
2nd " 4372	1,252
3rd " 3820	626
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)	
No. 6809, 1420, 778, 3187,	
292, 724, 1300, 3708, 1265,	
6838, 6832, 5071, 2043.	
RACE 3	
1st No. 980	\$5,050
2nd " 4046	1,443
3rd " 6788	721
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)	
No. 5716, 2495, 5939, 4663,	
694, 2029, 7210, 5822.	
RACE 4	
1st No. 6840	\$5,451
2nd " 6081	1,658
3rd " 1866	779
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)	
No. 2685, 7733, 7180, 7656,	
64, 5097, 730.	
RACE 5	
1st No. 7327	\$5,784
2nd " 7401	1,654
3rd " 6714	827
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)	
No. 671, 2326, 2286, 1331,	
5070.	
RACE 6	
1st No. 6004	\$5,499
2nd " 3749	1,571
3rd " 8129	785
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)	
No. 5634, 6389, 6625, 4617,	
4232, 4619, 728, 6471, 5013,	
5267.	
RACE 7	
1st No. 2973	\$6,110
2nd " 5081	1,745
3rd " 2662	878
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each)	
No. 1141, 6457, 8447, 6469,	
8633, 982, 7406.	
RACE 8	
1st No. 20226	\$81,320
2nd " 40057	17,520
3rd " 5539	8,760
Unplaced ponies (\$300 each)	
No. 38078, 55130, 60049,	
32149, 10567, 10412, 2472,	
32889, 49963, 7523, 25123,	
37097, 50033, 14624.	

Favourites took a bad beating at the last race meeting of the season, held at Happy Valley yesterday.

The biggest upset was Norse Queen, Derby winner of 1947 and 1948, in the main event of the day—the Hong Kong Autumn Champions. Carrying more than half the bets, she came in half a length behind Black Market, ridden by A. Oustroumoff.

Black Market's achievement took punters by surprise, as it carried only 1,009 winning bets out of a total of 28,415. The resulting dividend was HK\$122.90, the biggest payout of the afternoon.

With the exception of Big Shot, ridden by S.W. Lee in the first race, but favourites in all the other events at best only secured a place.

At the end of the 1948 racing season, A. Oustroumoff stands at the top as the most successful jockey, with 21 wins to his credit. This includes his two wins yesterday.

Second on the list is C.L. Gregory whose win on Bronte yesterday made a total of 16 wins for the season.

Third place goes to Kenneth Kwok when he came in first on Empress of Peace in the 8th event, raising his total wins for the season to 14.

Ticket No. 20226 in the big cash sweep on the last race paid HK\$81,320. The second prize, drawn by ticket No. 40057, was HK\$17,520; and the third prize, ticket No. 5539, was HK\$8,760.

Following are the results:—
LINGERERS HANDICAP
Race 1.—For Australian Ponies Class 5. One mile.
1. Big Shot; 2. Marber; 3. Speedway; 4. Arabian Moon.
Won by three lengths; two lengths.

Puri-Mutuel Win \$11.60; Places \$7.20, \$7.60, \$15.00.
BETTING—Arabian Moon, 147 (V.V. Needa), Win 999, Place 881; Big Shot, 147 (W.W. Lee), 7,091, 4,187; Hot Folly, 164 (Wong Yan), 1,691, 1,037; Kingsley, 148 (H. Maltland), 621, 444; Marber, 145 (A. Oustroumoff), 3,478, 8,111; Nevermore, 146 (W.P.M. Cook), 1,350, 1,388; Speedway, 144 (L.S. Mui), 750, 809; Rulphus, 130 (T.B. Dail), 81, 42; Whirlaway, 140 (H.A. Castro), 2,172, 2,277; Windermere, 145 (H.T. Alexander), 875, 922. Total Win 18,190, Place 18,825.

LAGGARDS STAKES
Race 4.—For Australian ponies Class 8. One and a quarter miles.
1. National Glory; 2. Bright; 3. Gateway; 4. Clipper.
Won by a head; 1½ lengths; Time 2:27.2.

Puri-Mutuel Win \$27.10; Places \$9.50, \$15.10, \$18.80.
BETTING—National Glory, 169 (W.P.M. Cook), Win 11,620, Place 2,813; Gateway, 147 (W.A.N. Dinkin), 1,233, 1,235; Golden Eagle, 147 (H.T. Alexander), 594, 542; Happy Season, 148 (Lal Kalkin), 198, 309; Jadestone, 148 (G.R. Lawrence), 947, 824; Lala Rapala, 148 (T.B. Dail), 431, 424; Midlight Express, 143 (S.L. Lee), 291, 371; National Glory, 149 (G.F. Ng), 4,130, 3,794; Trial Trip, 164 (L.S. Mui), 4,028, 2,870; Wright, 146 (G. Foster), 2,095, 1,880. Total Win 55,457, Place 19,473.

HONG KONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS
Race 5.—For Australian ponies of this or any previous season. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club held since February 1948 only.
1. Black Market; 2. Norse Queen; 3. Lovely Lady; 4. Vagabond King.
Won by half a length; 1½ lengths. Time 2:14.1.

Puri-Mutuel Win \$122.90; Places \$11.00, \$6.00, \$20.40.
BETTING—Black Market, 147 (H. Maltland), Win 1,655, Place 1,889; Norse Queen, 147 (A. Oustroumoff), 1,009, 1,630; Dailay, 147 (V.V. Needa), 5,384, 2,232; Happy Season, 147 (H.A. Castro), 1,691, 1,037; Kingsley, 148 (H. Maltland), 621, 444; Marber, 145 (A. Oustroumoff), 3,478, 8,111; Nevermore, 146 (W.P.M. Cook), 1,350, 1,388; Speedway, 144 (L.S. Mui), 750, 809; Rulphus, 130 (T.B. Dail), 81, 42; Whirlaway, 140 (H.A. Castro), 2,172, 2,277; Windermere, 145 (H.T. Alexander), 875, 922. Total Win 18,190, Place 18,825.

TARDY HANDICAP
Race 6.—For Australian ponies Class 8. One mile.
1. Argus; 2. National Guard; 3. Sibir; 4. V-E Day.
Won by a length; three lengths. Time 1:52.2.

Puri-Mutuel Win \$47.00; Places \$14.00, \$12.50, \$21.50.
BETTING—Argus, 187 (T.B. Dail), Win 1,178, Place 1,807; Tarday, 139 (H. Maltland), 1,123, 1,235; Golden Eagle, 147 (H.T. Alexander), 594, 542; Happy Season, 148 (Lal Kalkin), 198, 309; Jadestone, 148 (G.R. Lawrence), 947, 824; Lala Rapala, 148 (T.B. Dail), 431, 424; Midlight Express, 143 (S.L. Lee), 291, 371; National Glory, 149 (G.F. Ng), 4,130, 3,794; Trial Trip, 164 (L.S. Mui), 4,028, 2,870; Wright, 146 (G. Foster), 2,095, 1,880. Total Win 55,457, Place 19,473.

FINAL HANDICAP
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All Eyes Turn Right



Yu Kai-yan, the Chinese AA goalie, bringing off a save during yesterday's First Division Shield Match at Boundary Street, which resulted in a 4-3 win for Club after extra time. ("China Mail" Photo).

Home Football Results

London, December 4.

The following were results of football matches played today.

FA Cup—First Round		Third Division (South)	
Barnet	2 Exeter City	Brighton	3 Notts Co.
Bradford C.	4 Doncaster	Oxford	1 Palace
Colchester U.	2 Reading	Millwall	4 Bournemouth
Halifax	0 Scunthorpe	Northampton	0 Torquay
	(Extra time)	Norwich	3 Bristol R.
		Swindon	5 Newport

FA Cup—First Round Replay		Third Division (North)	
Ipswich	0 Aldershot	Carlisle	1 Rotherham
Leytonstone	2 Watford	Chester	2 Wrexham
Rhyl	0 Scarborough	Darlington	3 Tranmere
Southend	1 Swansea	Gateshead	1 Accrington
	(Extra time)	Hartlepool	1 Oldham
		Stockport	0 Hull
		New Brighton	1 Mansfield

FA Cup—First Round		Scottish League Div. "A"	
Barrow	2 Rochdale	Aberdeen	2 Hearts
		Aldon Rev.	1 Q. O'South
Arsenal	1 Manchester C.	Clyde	1 Rangers
Blackburn	0 Birmingham	East Fife	3 Morton
Blackpool	2 Stoke	Greenock	2 Dundee
Bristol	3 Preston	Partick Th.	1 Celtic
Burnley	3 Charlton	St. Mirren	2 Falkirk
Huddersfield	0 Portsmouth	Third Lanark	1 Motherwell
Liverpool	1 Burnley		Varsity Match played at Tottenham
Manchester U.	1 Newcastle	Oxford U.	5 Cambridge U.
Sheff. U.	1 Middlesbrough		
Sunderland	3 Chelsea		
Wolves	1 Everton		

Second Division		Other Matches	
Barrow	2 West Brom.	Alloa Ath.	1 Raith Rovers
Blackburn	2 Doncaster	Cowdenbeath	0 Ayr
Cardiff City	2 Leeds	Dumfries	0 Airdrieonians
Fulham	1 Spurs	Dundee United	1 Ayr United
Grimsby	2 Bury	East Stirling	2 Stenhousemuir
Lincoln	3 Bradford	Hamilton Acad.	1 Queen's P.
Luton	2 Sheff. W.	Kilmarnock	3 St. Johnstone
Notts F.	3 West Ham	Stirling A.L.	2 Dunfermline
Plymouth	1 Brentford		
Queen's P.R.	0 Coventry		
Southampton	1 Chesterfield	Port Vale	2 Crewe

the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).
1. Bronte; 2. Patina; 3. Jeop Beauty; 4. Flying Dragon.
Won by 1½ lengths; a neck. Time 2:04.4.

Puri-Mutuel Win \$16.00; Places \$6.10, \$7.00, \$8.00.
BETTING—Alma, 146 (J.C. Foster), Win 5,428, Place 2,600; Arabian Night, 146 (T.B. Dail), 144, 330; Betty Lou, 158 (S.W. Lee), 1,787, 1,187; Chatham, 158 (G.L. Gregory), 9,847, 5,940; Flying Dragon, 158 (H.A. Castro), 928, 784; Jeop Beauty, 158 (H. Maltland), 12,878, 4,644; Maria Elena, 147 (G.R. Lawrence), 123, 169; Marouby, 157 (Peter Young), 719, 679; Patina, 158 (L.S. Mui), 5,100, 3,175; Sunny, 148 (H.T. Alexander), 986, 894. Total Win 36,185, Place 23,482.

FINAL HANDICAP
Race 8.—(Second Section). For Australian ponies Class 8. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).
1. Empress of Peace; 2. Frosty Light; 3. Colonia; 4. Two Bid.
Won by two lengths; the same. Time 1:59.4.

Puri-Mutuel Win \$84.00; Places \$10.50, \$9.50, \$12.40.
BETTING—Colonia, 140 (A. Oustroumoff), Win 2,751, Place 2,513; Constant Star, 141 (Peter Young), 528, 571; Dasher, 140 (S.W. Lee), 1,587, 1,187; Chatham, 158 (G.L. Gregory), 9,847, 5,940; Flying Dragon, 158 (H.A. Castro), 928, 784; Jeop Beauty, 158 (H. Maltland), 12,878, 4,644; Maria Elena, 147 (G.R. Lawrence), 123, 169; Marouby, 157 (Peter Young), 719, 679; Patina, 158 (L.S. Mui), 5,100, 3,175; Sunny, 148 (H.T. Alexander), 986, 894. Total Win 36,185, Place 23,482.

ALTERATIONS TO CLASSIFICATIONS
Following are the alterations to the Hong Kong Jockey Club Classification List:—
To Class 4: Big Shot.
To Class 5: Empress of Peace and Minx.

To Class 6: Kingsfisher, Sulphur and Whirlaway.
To Class 7: Airfield, Bronte, Constant Star, Esmeralda, Fat Choy, Flight, National Glory, Pacific, Peacock, Prosperity, Rosebud, Shalin, Sino Marshall and Wright.

To Class 8: Atlantic, Forcing Bid, Jeop Beauty, Patina and Solo-Mark Lassic.
To Class 9: Maria Elena.

POSTPONED
Tomorrow's fortnightly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Referee meeting has been postponed to Monday December 13, owing to the Services participating in exercises at the whole of next week.

More Sports News
Will Be Found
On Pages 22 & 23

CLUB XI BEAT CAA, KMB LOSE IN SOCCER UPSETS

Both soccer games in the Senior Challenge Shield Competition yesterday not only provided thousands of spectators with all the thrills of a Cup-tie, but resulted in two of the biggest upsets of the soccer season.

At Boundary Street, Club, without the services of Forrow in the defence, brought off a brilliant win over Chinese AA whom they beat by four goals to three after extra time.

In the other Senior game, which was played at Caroline Hill, South China "B" delighted their supporters with a narrow victory over a formidable Kowloon Motor Bus XI by two goals to one.

The best game in the Junior Shield Competition was that at Happy Valley, where Club and Royal Navy, in a clean and sporting game, shared four goals at the end of extra time.

St. Joseph's went down to Kowloon Motor Bus Juniors by two goals to one at Boundary Street, while South China Juniors easily accounted for War Department Chinese, whom they beat at Caroline Hill by six goals to one.

SENIOR SHIELD Chinese AA 3—Club 4

Three times in the lead, Club conceded a late goal to share the spoils at full time, but with the seconds to go before the end of extra time, Weller, who was a passenger on the wing, secured the winner for his side.

The game was played at a cracking pace throughout and towards the end of extra time, both sides were showing signs of exhaustion.

It was odd that the first two goals were simple efforts. After five minutes Nelson received a pass from Kierman, and neatly turned the ball into the net.

Two minutes later, Lui Shiu-ping worked his way into a favourable position and drove home a shot which Leck fumbled.

Club took the initiative and kept on pressing and it was plain that they had the Chinese worried; the latter were panicked into kicking into touch on many occasions.

Kierman was in great form and was the inspiration of the forward line, his tricks and accurate passes leading the Athletic defence in a merry dance.

One good Club movement was spoilt by three forwards being offside, but soon after they were back on and Kierman got in a good drive that Yiu was fortunate to put over the top.

Almost immediately the Chinese had a lucky escape when Yiu fumbled a Kierman "special" and only just recovered in time to clear.

This bombardment went on until the 25th minute, when Weller took the ball down and deceived a defender, snaring the ball instead of shooting. His pass went to Bickford, who had cut in from the left. The latter took the ball with his right foot and restored the lead to Club. Again the Club went down and Kierman was there with a terrific drive that Yiu just held.

Then there was a breakthrough by Athletic and Lui got clear to beat Leck with a hard shot. Yiu had only just resumed when the whistle announced half time.

The first spell of pressure after the resumption saw Kierman go through, but his shot went straight at Yiu, who cleared. In a Chinese attack, a home forward appeared to foul Leck when he raised his foot against the goalkeeper. The player was immediately sent off the field.

Kierman was in the fore when Bickford passed back by kicking over his head and the former's shot brought Yiu diving full length. Immediately afterwards, the same player hit the far post with a fine drive.

A penalty was awarded to the Club for a foul by a defender and Weller restored the advantage to the Club. Their lead was short-lived for, with a minute to go, Lui Shiu-ping went through from a breakthrough and secured the equaliser.

During extra time, the battle raged for 20 minutes with each side going all out for the important winning goal. The ball was rent from attack to attack in quick movements, but neither side gave away an inch.

Waller was injured and retired to the wing.

In the last few moments, the Club stormed down and Nelson succeeded in placing the ball for Weller to tap into the net to give Club victory.

The Club were well worth their win, as they were on the attack for most of the game. Their front line was ably led by Kierman and a good defence was well backed by Fowler, who also found time to come upfield to place some neat passes to his forwards.

CAA—Yiu Kai-yan, Leo Ping-shin, Kwok Chuk-cheung, Liu Shiu-ping, Chin Chiu-fun, H. Yau-ken and Cheung Moon-wing. Club—Leck, Ritchie, Strang, Mullen, Fowler, Beck, Main, Weller, Nelson, Kierman and Bickford.

Results At A Glance

SENIOR SHIELD	
Chinese A.A.	3 Club
S. China "B"	2 K.M. Bus
JUNIOR SHIELD	
Club	2 Royal Navy
K.M. Bus	2 St. Joseph's
South China	6 W.D. Chinese

* After extra time.

forced the play into their opponent's half, but by now a confident South China team were determined not to lose and their defenders played like trojans to break up the continuous onslaught.

At this stage of the game Choi, between the sticks, was subjected to a terrific bombardment and brought off some miraculous saves, two of which were point blank ones.

Getting away again Tong Shuang raced down the field and emptied a fine shot which Lee Yuk-tak received neatly, but hesitated in front of the goal, thus allowing Fung to recover and beat him in the nick of time.

The ball then swung from end to end as both teams attacked in turn and very few mid-field changes were witnessed. Both goalkeepers were called on repeatedly and gave a faultless display.

After the interval, Motor Bus attacked time after time and the game was confined mostly in the South China area. For long periods all the Chinese players, with the exception of the goalie, were in enemy territory, but however hard they tried to score, the South China defenders always managed to beat them off.

Continuing their attack, Motor Bus were rewarded when Yiu-kei, in a break-through on his own, beat Choi with a grounder to reduce the lead.

Encouraged by this goal, the busmen threw everything they had into the game, but against these attacks South China managed to hold their own and the game whilest a break-through on his still holding off, with determination, stubborn attacks.